



*VANGUARD MILITARY SCHOOL EFFORT BRINGS REWARD*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY



Term two 2018 has been one that will be remembered for a long time to come. The recruit's amazing performances this term actually started during the term one holidays, with another set of fantastic ANZAC Day performances. Vanguard had large groups of recruits performing in no less than three different ceremonies on the day; the dawn parade at 06:00 at the

Auckland War Memorial Museum, the 08:30 ceremony at Browns Bay and the 10:00 ceremony again at the Auckland War Memorial Museum. I would like to thank all of our well dressed, well groomed, highly disciplined and professional recruits for their excellent effort, the staff for the amazing work they all put in to make this work so well and run so smoothly, and also you the parents and caregivers for your commitment and effort in making the day so memorable for us all. The praises and feedback the school received from all quarters was received with pride and highly appreciated. Well done Team Vanguard.

In weeks two and three the scheduled Parent / Teacher Interviews were held at the school and it was again very pleasing and fulfilling to have so many parents and caregivers making the effort to fully support their children by being such an integral part of their child's educational team. Thank you parents and caregivers.

Week four of term 2 2018 will go down in the annals of Vanguard Military School as the darkest week in our short history. To hear the catastrophic news that one of our amazing recruits, Nathan Kraatskow, had been tragically killed during the weekend was mind-numbing for staff and recruits alike. I would like to acknowledge Staff Mueller and Staff Hyde as well as all the other staff who demonstrated what leadership at Vanguard in practice looks like. The professional way that the school responded to the heartrending news was truly commendable.

I would also like to thank Nathan's family, particularly Orion, Charlene, Oupa and Ouma, for opening their home to our staff and our recruits, to share in their grief and in this way allowing us to also come to terms emotionally with the tragedy. The funeral ceremony at Schnapper Rock on Saturday 26 May was an honorable tribute to Nathan. I was extremely proud to be part of the

ceremony and to witness our entire school honoring Nathan and his family with the school Haka. Nathan will be remembered with fondness at Vanguard Military School for many years to come.

To our readers and supporters, I would like to allude to the start of the third stanza of our school pledge, "I will be alert", and implore you all to exercise this characteristic trait that we attempt to instill in all our recruits. Be alert. Be safe.

On Friday 1 June, the school welcomed and hosted Katharine Birbalsingh the Headmistress of Michaela Community School in London. Katharine is a world renowned educationalist who promotes the characteristics of an educational model along the same lines as the Vanguard Educational Model. These characteristics would include, disciple, respect, high personal standards for staff and students, work ethic, personal pride in self, self-confidence and high achievement. Katharine's philosophy, just like Vanguard's, is one where teachers are the profession's experts, not the students or other involved parties. Teachers need to be teachers and not facilitators, and technology is used as a learning enhancement tool, not as entertainment for unmotivated students. After visiting Vanguard, Katharine conveyed how much our recruits had impressed her with their achievement, and high level of commitment to our educational model. Well done Vanguard Recruits.

The school also hosted Dr Lance O'Sullivan on two occasions this term. Dr Lance O'Sullivan is the well-

known public health advocate, champion of general health care in New Zealand and New Zealander of the Year in 2014. It was amazing to have someone like Dr Lance O'Sullivan visit the school, but to have someone of his stature, not only visit the school, but also stand up and endorse the school, is an absolute privilege.



We would like to thank Dr Lance O'Sullivan for his motivational messages to our recruits and his ongoing support for choice in the education for our country's young people and particularly for supporting an educational model that has proved so effective for the development of young Māori.

I wish all the recruits and staff a safe and well-deserved break during the coming holiday.

**2019  
Enrolments  
officially open  
1<sup>st</sup> August – 7<sup>th</sup>  
September.**

## THE QUICK 7

### 7 Questions with Staff Taikato

**1. How long have you been teaching?**

This is my second year teaching. Vanguard Military School is my first employment as a new teacher.

**2. Where did you go to school?**

Whangamata Area School (1986-97) and Saint Stephens Boarding School (1998-99)

**3. What made you want to become a teacher?**

- Installing good habits and behaviour with those that I engage with i.e values and belief
- Working alongside other like-minded staff that have students at the forefront
- Utilising my prior learned knowledge, skills, training and experience in a new workplace and classroom environment

**4. What are you passionate about?**

- Making a difference in young people's lives at Vanguard Military School
- Continue to build on my Māori language proficiency
- Student achievement
- Continual improvement of self and others
- Always learning new things whilst teaching

**5. What's one thing we wouldn't know about you?**

I deployed to the Arabian Gulf in 2002 with the Royal New

Zealand. Our naval frigate Te Kaha conducted Operation Enduring Freedom and was tasked to counter the continuing threat of international terrorism. Although it was a challenging nine month deployment away from family and friends, it was an honour to represent our country and to deter and prevent Al Qaeda and Taliban use of sea transport. i.e Weapons of mass destruction.

**6. What did you do before you were a teacher?**

I was in the Royal New Zealand Navy for 17 years. I left with the rank as Chief Petty Officer and senior manager of Te Taua Moana (Navy) Marae.

**7. What did you want to be as a child?**

A hardworking farmer like my koro (grandfather).



# SPORTS REPORT TERM 2

The school is participating in both netball and basketball this term and in term 3 we will again be fielding a boys and a girls 7's team. We were pleased when Drew Ellison, Lili Vakahali, Lenari Taala and Gracie Sorby were invited to the North Harbour Under 18 7-a-side trials, and we would like to congratulate Drew Ellison who made the team.

This year, for the first time, we have entered a netball team in the Netball North Harbour Competition. It has been a tough season for the girls on the court, but they have made us proud, always doing their best. Our amazing coach, Steph William, has devoted her time to coaching and developing the girls, and every week motivates them to do their best. We have a very young team this year consisting of Year 11's, which bodes well for the future.

We have two basketball teams a boys and a girls' team, in the Harbour Basketball Association competition. They are both playing in the Under 19 League One Competitions. Both teams have shown what the Vanguard Competitive Spirit is all about and I am proud to say that they have built a solid reputation for themselves with their outstanding competitive play and sportsmanlike attitude on and off the court. The boy's team is a young team, mainly year 11's and the potential for the 2019 season is good. Their coach, Solomon Hauriki, has molded the boys into a great team this season, and set a good platform of skills for the future. The girls coach Jimmy



Rameka has done well with the squad of girls who have only started playing basketball for the first time this season, and they are currently in



the top 4 play offs. Jimmy believes they can make the finals this year.

## FUNDRAISER 2018

Term Two saw Vanguard Military School take its usual fundraiser Intersection Competition to ambitious new heights. For the first time in our history we opened up what was previously an in-house recruit only fundraiser to include all

families and friends within the wider Vanguard family.

On Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> July Vanguard held its first 'night market' fundraiser. Each section spent weeks planning and preparing their own stalls selling different themed food to our wider community.

Naturally there were initial fears and worries surrounding the event but in true Vanguard form friends and families turned up in huge numbers to support the school in its fundraising endeavors.

We had live music which created a wonderfully positive atmosphere to enjoy good food and even better company. Sections worked tirelessly to produce perfectly cooked food... we had burgers, nachos, a braai, sweet treats and deserts, a hangi, freshly caught smoked fish, candy floss, curry, fried bread, boerewors rolls as well as numerous raffles for our community to take part in. We even had Ward section offer pig petting! Something for everyone!

Our Staff and recruits worked hard to create what can only be described and a very positive and satisfying event that will continue to grow each year to provide funds for the Vanguard Charitable Trust ensuring Vanguard recruits and their families will be looked after should the need arise now and into the future.

We raised just over nine thousand dollars over the course of the evening and we had several sections earning some large totals for our cause. Congratulations needs to be given to Ngarimu Section 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Ward Section 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and winning the 2018 fundraiser well done to Hulme Section.

Staff Mueller

**Great effort  
Vanguard & Hulme!  
It was a delicious  
fun night & Thank  
you to all the staff  
& helpers that put it  
together us parents  
appreciate your  
efforts.**

## HISTORY TRIP

On Tuesday June 19<sup>th</sup>, the Level 3 history recruits departed school at 12pm to spend the afternoon at the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

The museum has a large research area devoted to military history, which was perfect for the recruits to work on their 3.1 research assignments. 22 recruits went on the trip with 3 members of staff for supervision. After a short walk through the World War 2 section of the museum, the recruits had a brief look at the new World War 1 exhibit, which has several interactive displays as well as army uniforms for people to try on.

After that, it was time for the main reason for our visit – the research. One change has been the fact that there's no photocopier available anymore, meaning our recruits were required to use their phones for evidence gathering. All of them were disciplined with the usage of their phones, and I believe everybody gained at least something they could use.

The recruits were a credit to the school with their conduct the whole afternoon. The assessment this evidence is being used for is due at the end of this term, so the grades should be available early next term. Many thanks to Staff Hedley for being our bus driver and Staff Erasmus who also attended.

Staff Gribble, HOS History

## FROM THE ADMIN DESK

### PT HIRE

Please keep reminding the recruits to hand back any hired gear, gear not returned will be billed to the parents/caregivers.

### APPOINTMENTS REMINDER

Please keep in mind that reception need at least 24 hours notice for ALL appointments. On the day isn't a sufficient amount of time. We are sympathetic to last minute appointments but we do normally expect 24 hours in advance.

### UNIFORM HOURS

Please ensure all uniform enquiries are kept until 3pm Tuesdays and Thursdays unless urgent.

## PARENTAL PERSPECTIVES

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We'd love to hear your feedback on what it's like to have your child attend Vanguard.

If you would like to make a contribution to the next edition, please contact us at: [caterina.echave@vanguard.school.nz](mailto:caterina.echave@vanguard.school.nz)

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