



# Vanguard News

JULY 2015

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY

Welcome to the July edition of the Vanguard Military School newsletter.



Vanguard Military School is into Term 3 and its all guns blazing. It is now that time of year when our recruits have to start making those hard decisions regarding their pathway plans and goals for 2016 and the future. It is important for all recruits to get a very good idea of what they want for themselves now, so that they can work towards achieving this goal within the time still available to

them this year. The Vanguard way is to avoid recruits setting themselves up to fail, so in order to move to the next level a recruit needs to pass the current level and for entry into Level 3, achieve the minimum requirements as set out for each Level 3 subject they wish to study next year.

The Level 2 going to Level 3 in 2016 information evening for recruits and parents/caregivers held last week, was very well attended. It was very pleasing to see the motivation many of our recruits have for getting the very best out of Vanguard for themselves. It must however be remembered that to enter Level 3 at Vanguard, the pre-requisite criteria must be achieved, making it essential for prospective recruits to focus on these requirements, work hard and achieve them. This will set them up with the maximum chance for success next year.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Staff Mueller back to Vanguard at the start of Term 3. He was enormously missed when he moved to Australia earlier this year, but now, four weeks on, it is like he never left us. His section and

all the recruits he teaches are no doubt as pleased as the staff to have him back. "Welcome back to the family Steve".

I would like to congratulate all of our Vanguard recruits that have been achieving so much extramurally over the last month and a bit. The range of achievements have been surprising, with not only the expected sporting accolades, but also in the cultural arena with Briana Rudolph-Karena showing her singing talent on Maori Television.

We are now looking forward to an enjoyable and productive Term 3.

### THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



# HISTORY LESSON: LAURENT SECTION

This month we are looking at Henry John Laurent, a New Zealand soldier who served with the New Zealand Military Forces during the First and the Second World War.

Henry John Laurent, known as Harry, was born on 15 April 1895 in Tarata, in the Taranaki region. After leaving school, he worked as a grocer's assistant. He also served with the Territorial Force, having joined at the age of 16. He enlisted with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force (NZEF) in May 1915, shortly after his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Posted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade, Laurent served on the Western Front from 1916. He participated in the Somme Offensive during which he was wounded.

By September 1918, Laurent had advanced in rank to sergeant. During the Hundred Days Offensive, the New Zealand Division, was in pursuit of retreating German forces. Leading a patrol on 12 September on the area east of Gouzeaucourt Wood, France, Laurent was ordered to locate and regain contact with the German front lines. The 12 man patrol inadvertently penetrated through the frontline and located a line of artillery. Realizing the patrol's mistake, Laurent organized a swift attack which resulted in the capture of 112 prisoners, with one member of the patrol being killed and three others wounded. He then extricated his patrol, together with the prisoners, back to the New Zealand line, fighting off counterattacks along the way. For his bravery and leadership, he was awarded the Victoria Cross which was gazette on 12 November 1918.

Laurent later attended an officer training school and was duly



*Henry John Laurent*

commissioned in February 1919. Within a few months, his service in the NZEF ceased and he returned to New Zealand.

Laurent also served with the New Zealand Military Forces during the Second World War, commanding a battalion in the Home Guard. He retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He died in Hastings on 9 December 1987, the last surviving New Zealand VC winner of the First World War. His ashes are interred in the Memorial Wall at the Servicemen's Cemetery at Hawera, in Taranaki. A street in Hawera, his parent's home town, is named after him.

Laurent's Victoria Cross was displayed at the QEII Army Memorial Museum in Waiouru.

## FROM THE ADMIN DESK

**MARILIZE ERASMUS,  
ADMINISTRATION MANAGER**



Parents/caregivers are strongly reminded to label all items of clothing clearly, so that lost items can be returned to their owners.

It is also recommended that recruits purchase spare items of uniform to allow for washing and wearing.

Any recruit losing any item of his/her school uniform will be required to replace that uniform item within five school days.

Uniform orders and payment can be completed online using the uniform order form.

For any information regarding school uniforms, please contact the office.

## STUDENTS IN ACTION

**Congratulations to Briana Rudolph-Karena** who has successfully auditioned on Homai Te Pakipaki and then went on to win her heat.



Briana will now be on the live semifinal on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October where two singers are selected for the grand final.

Her live performance can be viewed here:

<http://www.maoritelevision.com/tv/shows/homai-te-pakipaki/S09E010/homai-te-pakipaki-heat-9>

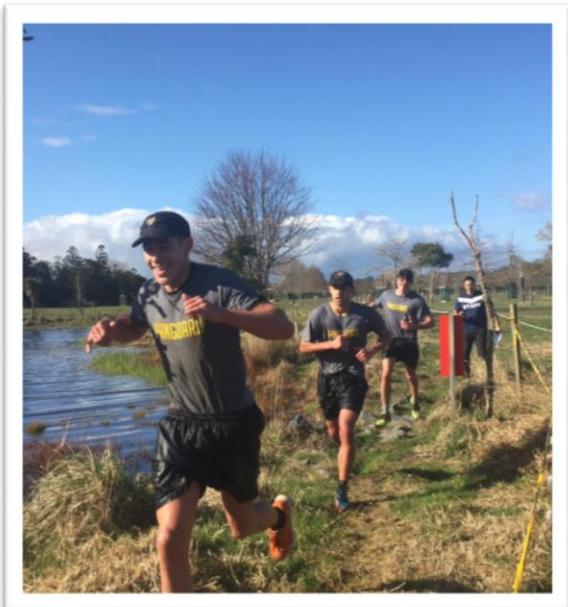
We wish her all of the best!



The Winter MatakanaXRun was held on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of July at the Matakana Country Park. Vanguard Military School had two teams competing.

This extreme challenge run is held over 6 kilometers with 65 killer obstacle challenges, mud and a lot of fun!

New obstacles were added and combined with the winter conditions, the athletes encountered a whole range of new challenges.



## NOTICE FROM AUCKLAND TRANSPORT

Auckland Transport is currently working on a major upgrade on the Albany Highway North, stretching from Bush Road all the way to the Albany Expressway.

Students using this road to and from school have probably noticed the roadworks around this area.

There are concerns about the speed of some vehicles travelling through the Albany Highway construction zone.

A '30 km/h' temporary speed limited is in place and being enforced by Police. This speed restriction is designed for the safety of all road users and road workers in this busy area.



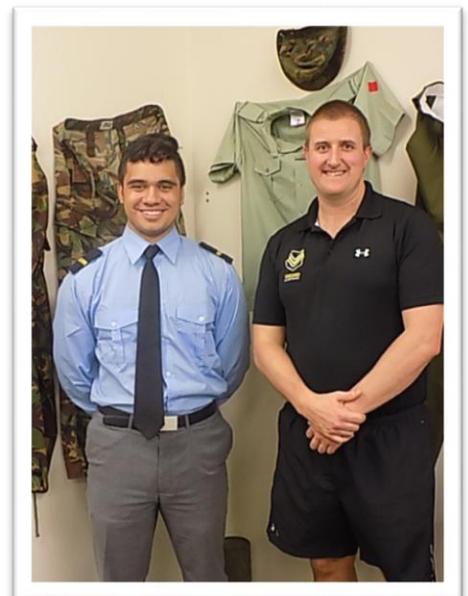
Auckland Transport encourages drivers to take care driving along Albany Highway.

## FIVE MINUTES WITH....

**GARETH VAN STIPRIAAN, HEAD OF SUBJECT DEFENSE FORCE STUDIES**

Every month a student interviews a teacher at school. Five minutes, five questions, go!

This month, Raiti Aperahama, a year 11 student in Ngarimu Section, has interviewed Gareth van Stipriaan.



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

*I have been teaching for 10 years, 9 years with Advance Training Centres Ltd (ATC) and just over one year with Vanguard.*

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

*I attended Sunnynook Primary School, Wairau Intermediate and Rangitoto College.*

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

*When I was still in school, I tended to be the one person people would always ask for help. After finishing high school, I headed off on my OE and participated in Camp America where I spent a lot of time with kids aged between 6-17 years of age. I have also coached, when a few years ago, got an opportunity to start at ATC as a PT instructor, that later turned into a full-time position. My parents still wonder how I became a teacher! (laughs)*

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

*I am passionate about football, crossfit, most sports, family and friends. I love the fact that I can get up each day and enjoy coming to work where I am involved in something special.*

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

*When I was at Camp America, I taught fire spinning, mountain boarding, archery and riflery. I also made New Zealand squads for tennis and table tennis and I once lived in Aosta, Italy.*

# BASKETBALL REPORT

We are pleased to report the following results from the games played during July.

**GIRLS TEAM**

**2 July, 36 – 18 LOSS** against Kingsway, POD Leiatu Cannon

**23 July, 26 – 24 LOSS** against Birkenhead, POD Brielle Cadwallader

**30 July, 10 – 54 WIN** against Westlake Girls, POD Shanaya Corin, 17 points, 21 rebounds

**BOYS TEAM**

**2 July, 33 – 25 LOSS** against Takapuna Grammar, POD Harlem O'Connor Lilo and Kaylin Robson

**23 July, 28 – 61 WIN** against Westlake, POD Kaylin Robson, 40 points

**30 July, 36 – 58 WIN** against Rangitoto, POD Jerome Puni

# STUDENT CORNER

*Each month we are providing excerpts from our students about their time at Vanguard. This month, the contribution comes from Laurent Section, our only Level 3 Section.*

*Vanguard has taught me skills that will help me throughout my life. Everybody knows the value of always doing your best and having a good attitude, but Vanguard gives you the opportunity to utilize these values working as a team. I am looking forward to going out into the world and using what I've learnt here.*

- Jerome Puni

*Vanguard has changed my life for the better. I would never have achieved or accomplished what I have at my previous school. I am glad I took the opportunity to come to this school.*

- Trent Tawhai

*I came to Vanguard as a high school dropout and never did I see myself going back to a school. I am now halfway through Level 3. I am eternally grateful for what Vanguard has done for me. The*

*school has taught me discipline, maturity and most importantly, determination. It's not often youth from lower socio-economic backgrounds are offered such great opportunities and second chances for free.*

- Hope Matatia

# UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>3 Aug</b>	Online enrolments for 2016 open
<b>4 Aug</b>	Information Evening for current Level 2 students
<b>1 Sept</b>	Orientation Evening 1
<b>15 Sept</b>	Orientation Evening 2

# INTERSECTION LEADERBOARD

SECTION	POINTS	POSITION
HINTON	220	1
LAURENT	204	2
UPHAM	203	3
ELLIOTT	188	4
TRENT	182	5
HULME	174	6
WARD	172	7
TRIGG	157	8
APIATA	145	9
NGARIMU	139	10