



Vanguard News

MAY 2015

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY

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



Term two started with an extremely well attended two nights of Parent-Teacher interviews; thank you parents and caregivers for yet again demonstrating your fantastic support for our recruits. We are now approaching the middle part of this year's programme, a time of year when it gets very hard for our recruits to maintain the high levels of motivation that they so readily displayed in the first term. The cold weather and short daylight hours

do not help either. So, it is up to us here at the school to keep focusing them on the rewards of all their hard work, their specific goals and to make school as rewarding and successful as possible. It would be fantastic if you the parents/caregivers could also assist us with supplying heaps of support, praise and encouragement during this tough middle phase of the year. As term three and term four come along it becomes easier for the recruits to start seeing this year's finish line and self-motivation for that final effort becomes more intrinsic and self-driven.

As a school we were very pleased to be able to publish such a great annual report, one that will be very helpful in assisting with removing some of the myths and misconceptions around our Charter School and at the same time administering a massive dose of confidence to everyone concerned with our ongoing success in the future. A huge thank you to all the parents/caregivers and our own recruits for allowing us to put some of their amazing experiences at this school into the publication, and thereby helping us get the true Vanguard message out there for all to get a better understanding of how effective this unique educational model has been in just its first year of operation.

The Vanguard achievements of 2014 could not be claimed without a blanket thank you to every single member of our Vanguard family, our parents/caregivers, our recruits, our staff and our advisory board for all the amazing effort put in last year. This success was undoubtedly a result of huge commitment and team effort. For us, the management of the Vanguard family, we are so confident in not only being able to reproduce this achievement in 2015, but can justifiably expect an even better result this year.

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

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HISTORY LESSON: TRIGG SECTION

To Vanguard, the Victoria Cross winners are the heroes who inspire and drive our students to becoming the best they can be.

As in the case for 2014, our school sections have been named after the New Zealand servicemen who have been awarded Victoria Crosses for their bravery while on active service in the armed forces.

This month, we focus on Trigg section.

Flying Officer Lloyd Allan Trigg was born at Houhora, Northland, New Zealand on 5 May 1914 and was educated at Whangarei Boys' High School. He joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) as a trainee pilot in June 1941. After attending training school in Canada, Trigg obtained his pilot's wings in January 1942 and was commissioned as a Pilot Officer. He embarked for the UK in October 1942.

As a first pilot for the 200 Squadron RAF in January 1943, he took part in some 50 operational reconnaissance patrols, convoy escort flights and anti-submarine patrols.

He was flying his first operational flight in a Liberator V over the Atlantic from his base in Bathurst, West Africa, when on 11 August 1943 he engaged the

German submarine U-468. His aircraft received several catastrophic hits from the submarine's anti-aircraft guns during its approach to drop depth charges and was on fire as Trigg made his final attack.

It then crashed 300 yards behind its victim, killing Trigg and his crew. The only witnesses to his high courage were the U-boat crew members.

Since Trigg has no burial place, he is commemorated on the Malta Memorial to the 2,298 Commonwealth aircrew who lost their lives around the Mediterranean during the Second World War and who have no known grave.

The Victoria Cross was awarded to Trigg's widow by the Governor General of New Zealand, Sir Cyril Newall, on 28 May 1944.

The Victoria Cross is now on display at the Lord Ashcroft Gallery at the Imperial War Museum.



Lloyd Allan Trigg

VOLCANO MADNESS

KATHY FOWLER, HEAD OF
SCIENCE

All of the year 11 students have recently completed a day trip covering two of Auckland's most interesting volcanoes.

The standard requires them to understand the processes that caused the volcano to form in the way that it did and how it has been modified since that time. Auckland's volcanic field is still described as 'active' as Rangitoto formed just 600 years ago.

In contrast, Pupuke is one of Auckland's oldest volcanoes at 250,000 years old. So if your son and daughter are not sleeping well at night, you can blame their Science teacher!

We began by looking at a cross-section of the tuff ring around Pupuke. This can be seen due to excavations at Smales Quarry and near Pupuke boat ramp on the western side.

We then headed off to morning tea on the top of North Head - the weather was perfect. Students then raced each other down to Cheltenham Beach in a direct line as possible. As we made our way





back up the volcano we looked at the different layers of material as they were laid down during the course of the eruption. Of course this part of the trip finished with scaring each other witless inside the totally dark fortification tunnels and marveling at the huge disappearing gun.

Our last stop was at the Takapuna Fossil forest conveniently located next to the famous Takapuna Beach Café (four flat whites and 2 Cokes for the teachers please). We wandered along the rock path towards Milford looking at the wonderful fossil imprints of trees and branches caught in the lava flow from Pupuke. They burnt completely away to leave tree shaped patterns in the lava that are a quarter of a million years old. It was a really interesting trip and served to make a rather lifeless topic come alive.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

**ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY,
PRINCIPAL**

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who attended Parent-Teacher Interviews on the 28th of April and the 5th of May.

Overall turnout was evidence that we are committed to supporting one another in this journey towards learning.

We enjoyed the opportunity to sit down with each of you to discuss your child's progress, the many ways we can best support your child and goals for the upcoming months.

If you have any questions or input that you believe would be beneficial to your child's success as we

move forward into the remaining part of the year, please do not hesitate to contact any one of your child's teachers.

Your involvement and engagement in your child's academic progress is needed and appreciated!

VANGUARD BASKETBALL

The school have once again entered the North Harbour under 19 boys and girls basketball competition this year.

The girls team: Trina Atwell, Madison Brown-Aldridge, Eden Brown, Brielle Cadwallader, Leiatu Cannon, Jamie Coffman, Shanaya Corin, Tiana Henry, Hope Matatia, Emi Ngaeruaiti, and Dominique Stewart.

The boys team: Solomon Hauraki, Coley Lyndon-Tonga, Harlem O'Connor, Adam McInnes, Raiti Aperahama, Jerome Puni, Sam Brannigan, Kaylin Robson, Don Mokoroa, Grayson Barnes, Isaiah Schwanen, Wez Henry, and Calvin Thorne.

Upcoming games:

Girls

18 June vs Albany Senior High, 1730

Boys

18 June vs Kingsway, 1900

25 June vs Rangitoto, 1945

2 July vs Takapuna, 1900 (Played at Kristin College's New Gym)

Make sure you get along to the games at the North Shore Event Centre to support the teams!

FIVE MINUTES WITH....

QUENTIN OPPERMAN, TEACHER IN SCIENCE AND MATHS

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

This month, Tiana Henry, a year 11 student in Hulme Section, has interviewed Quentin Opperman.



1. How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching for 6 years and was also a sciences tutor at university for around 18 months.

2. Where did you go to school?

I went to the smallest High School in South Africa in Ventersdorp.

3. What made you want to become a teacher?

Initially I wanted to be a vet, not a teacher, but during my high school years, I had many injuries (major) and my scholarship was taken away by the high school. Another university offered me a scholarship to study sciences. I didn't enjoy it too much; working in a lab wasn't for me! So I went teaching instead.

4. What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about anything and everything that is normally discriminated against, also things that are stereotyped against. I like standing up for things that other people struggle to.

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

*English is my third language. I feel strongly about being a gentlemen when in this day and age the philosophy of men (boys) has changed.
My favourite animal is not your usual – I like poisonous animals and plants*

STUDENT CORNER

Each month we are providing excerpts from our students about their time at Vanguard. This month, the contribution comes from Trigg Section.

I enjoy attending school. The teachers are so supportive compared to some of the other schools I attended before.

- Judah 'Apikotoa

Attending Vanguard has really helped me to focus on my education, mainly because of the military style teaching that incorporates a lot of discipline. You can't really find anything like this anywhere else.

- Carlos Clark

Vanguard has benefited me in ways unthinkable. The school has taught me consistency, discipline, pride and respect. I am very thankful for the staff at Vanguard. They care for us and sacrifice a lot for the recruits.

- Sef Harendi

The school has helped me become a happier person. It has helped me believe in myself and to never give up. It makes me feel a part of a large family and gives me something to wake up and look forward to. I have learned a lot more self-discipline, time management, how to be a leader, and teamwork skills.

- Kacey Mackie

Before I came to Vanguard, I was struggling to stay motivated. The teachers here have helped me to get closer to my goals for achieving my level 1 certificate this year. Vanguard has strengthened me both physically and mentally and taught me to never give up. Choosing Vanguard was the best decision I could have made.

- Samuel Brannigan

PARENTAL PERSPECTIVES

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: marilize.erasmus@vanguard.school.nz

INTERSECTION LEADERBOARD

SECTION	POINTS	POSITION
HINTON	169	1
LAURENT	144	2
UPHAM	136	3
TRENT	130	4
ELLIOTT	128	5
HULME	116	6
APIATA	114	7
WARD	105	8
TRIGG	100	9
NGARIMU	90	10

UPCOMING EVENTS

17 June	Photo Day Section Photos and Sports Team Photos
19 June	Hospitality Course
1 July	Health & Safety Course

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