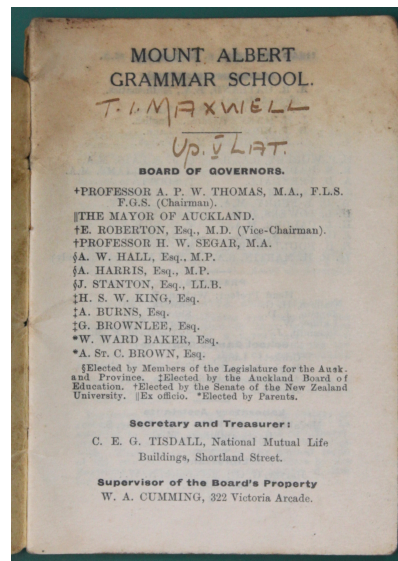
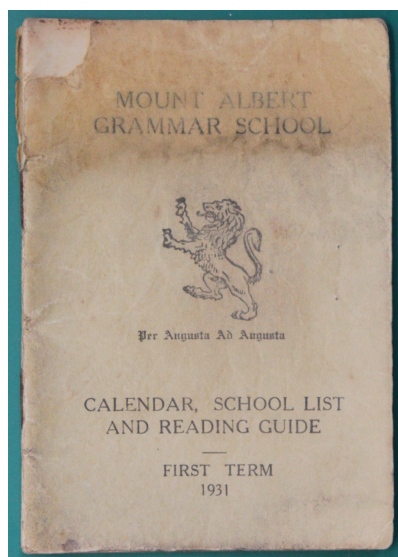


A HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL IN 100 OBJECTS

A 1931 FIRST TERM CALENDAR

Size: 5 in x 3 ½ in / 125 mm x 90 mm

Description: A 32-page booklet designed to fit into a shirt pocket. Buff, stained, especially at the top of the cover. There is a piece torn from the top of the hinge side. Below, the edge is torn down to the top of the stop staple. On the first page, in faded ink, is the name T.I. Maxwell, Up V Lat. [Upper 5 Latin]. The name is on the same page as the list of Board of Governors members.



Discussion: On page 2 was a staff list and then pupil officers, Page 3 is devoted to Terms, Standing Holidays, and leaving Certificates and Bursaries.

“Standing Holidays” were “Good Friday, Easter Monday and Tuesday, Anzac Day, Labour Day, and the Birthday of His Majesty the King ...”

“Bursaries tenable at any University College or recognized School of Agriculture ... are to the annual value of £20 [\$2,117 in 2017 dollars] payable on behalf of the holder to the Registrar of the holder to the Registrar of the College in the shape of fees for tuition and examination.”

On pages 4 and 5 are listed School Institutions with details on how to be involved. The groups were: School House, Cricket, Lawn Tennis, Rugby Football, Association Football, Hockey, Athletic Sports, Swimming Sports. The Workshops, The Hobby Shop, The Lending Library, The Reference Library, The French Club, The Camera Club, The Horticulture Society, The School Magazine, The Calendar, Shooting, The Dancing Class.

The next four pages are the actual Calendar, the 14 weeks of Term 1 and the first two weeks of Term 2. From pages 10 to 19 are Masters Rooms, the class lists and the School House list. The classes were: 6A, 6B, 6 Remove, Special 5, Upper 5 Latin, Upper 5 Non-Latin, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, Commercial 4, 4 Modern, 3A, Junior 3A, 3B, 3C, Commercial 3.

Page 20 had team lists for Cricket, Rugby Football, Association Football and Hockey. There is just a half page for Page 21, which is a list of Cadet Corps Officers under the command of Captain C.P. Worley, V.D.

The time-table grid is next and this is filled in and from the rooms indicated it is possible to work out his teachers.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1st Period	Room A1 ENGLISH	Room LL1 SCIENCE	Room A3 ALG.	Room B3 GEOM	Room A1 ENGLISH
2nd Period	Room A1 LATIN	Room LL1 SCIENCE	Room B7 FRENCH	Room B4 HISTORY	Room B7 ALG.
3rd Period	Room A1 ENGLISH	Room A1 LATIN	Room A3 TRIG.	Room LL1 SCIENCE	Room B7 FRENCH
4th Period	Room B7 FRENCH	Room A3 GEOM	Room LL1 LATIN	Room LL1 SCIENCE	Room A1 LATIN
5th Period	Room B4 HISTORY	Room LL1 ENGLISH	Room A1 ENGLISH	Room B7 FRENCH	Room A1 ENGLISH
6th Period	Room A3 MATH	Room A7 FRENCH	Room — DRILL	Room A1 LATIN	Room A2 MATH.

- English and Latin A1 J.M. Tait M.A.
- French B7 W.C.J. Perry M.A.
- History B4 W.R.H. Martin B.A.
- Science LL1 C.P. Worley B.A., B.Sc.
- Mathematics A3 H.L. Calder M.A.

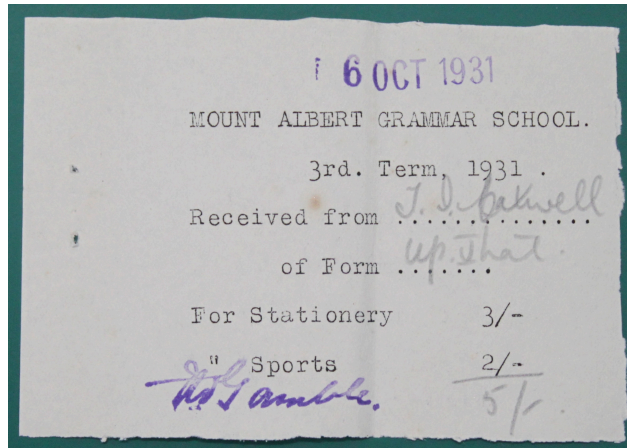
During the seismic upgrade of the 1990s the original A1 was converted into three offices, LL1 [Lower Lab] 1 was at the end of the south wing and is now known as A1, B4 did not last long, it was subsumed into the library which is now the staffroom. A3 has also been converted into three offices. B7 is now called B9.

The next four pages are the Reading Guide As Maxwell was in Form 5 (Year 11) he would have been directed to the 64 authors and 120 books, listed for the year. It was an eclectic list. From the likes of Jerome K Jerome's *Idle thoughts of an Idle Fellow* and Washington Irving's *Rip van Winkle* to Alexander Dumas' *Le Viscomte de Bragelonne*, Charles Dickens' *Martin Chuzzlewit*, Georg Eliot's *Silas Marner*, four works by Sir Walter Scott and three by P.C. Wren. Fifth Form boys were invited to read these and many works like them. These were not examined. There were set works for that.

The last two pages were unprinted.

There were two small receipts in the inside. The staple was bright and new. It was removed as it did not comprise the integrity of the object. Although this is a First Term *Calendar* both receipts are rubber stamped for "6 Oct 1931".

The first receipt is an internal one on newsprint, clean and with one little fox blemish and two staple holes.



4 in x 2 ¾ in / 100 mm x 70 mm.

As can be seen the pencil manuscript filling in the spaces reads T.I. Maxwell, Up V Lat and 5/- being 3 shillings for Stationery and 2 shillings for Sports, Five shillings directly equates with 50c but, according to the Reserve Bank Inflation Calculator it would be worth \$27.20 in 2017 dollars. As well as the date stamp, there is a stamp for Gamble's name. This is the first recorded use of this stamp.

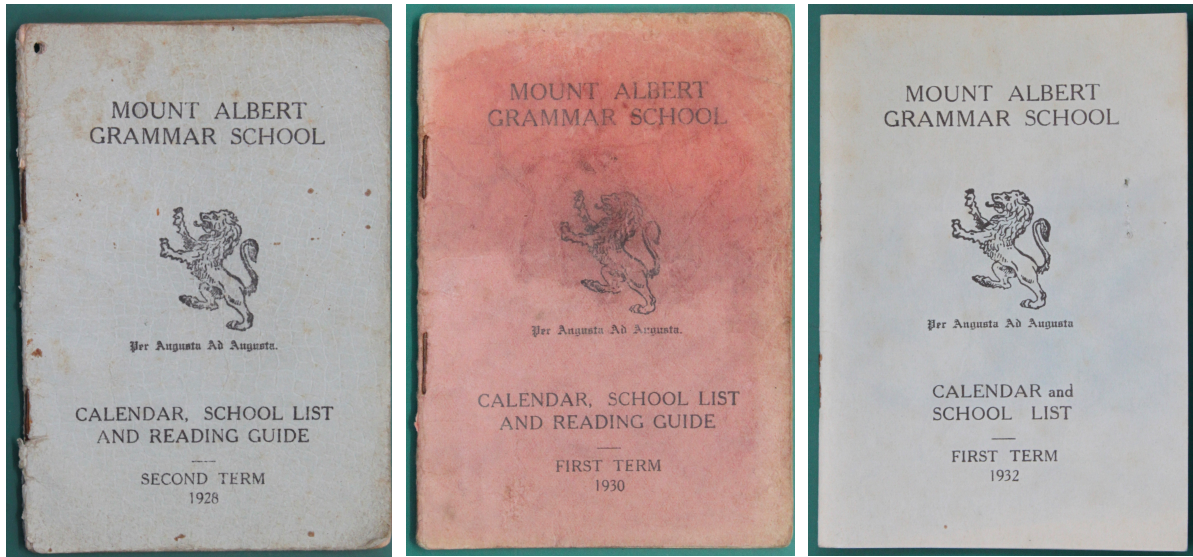
The other receipt is from the University of New Zealand, a federal University from 1874-1961. It controlled one University (Otago), three University Colleges (Canterbury, Victoria and Auckland) and two Agricultural Colleges (Lincoln and Massey). Other Universities, Waikato and AUT, were formed after 1961. The receipt was in the name Mr T.I. Maxwell and was for the entry fee to the Matriculation examination which was taken in Form 5. The receipt was perforated on all sides with a piece missing from the top left.



4 ½ in x 2 ½ in / 115 mm x 65 mm

The orange stamp depicted King George V. Stamps were both postage and revenue. This 2d (2 pence) stamp was used on small receipts to pay stamp duty – a tax. The fee was for two pounds two shillings, known as two guineas (directly \$4.20). this was an enormous sum in the middle of the Great Depression. There was no social welfare and a single man's pay on relief work at the time was 9 shillings (90c) per day. The receipt has its own number plus the date stamp, plus a signature which also cancelled the stamp, along with the second use of the date stamp.

Other *Calendars* are part of the Maxwell collection. They are depicted below.



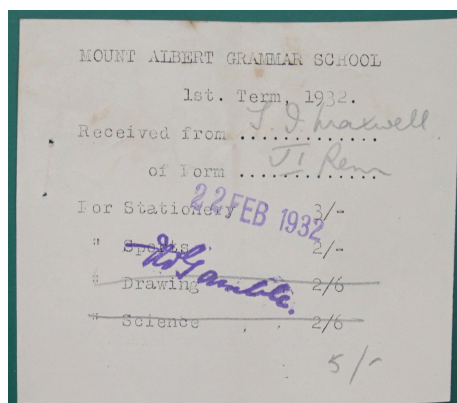
In 1928 Maxwell was in Form 3D. There was a filled-in timetable grid. His form Master was A.G. Simmers M.A. who was here for just three years 1927-1929. There is no 1929 *Calendar*, in that year Maxwell was in Four Latin with the redoubtable E.H. Boulton B.A. there is a filled-in timetable in 1930, he was in Lower 5 with the multi-talented R.B. Hardy BCom.

Significantly Maxwell was a Trentham Scholar that year. There was one other in the school. According to a piece in *The Auckland Star* (26 April 1919 p.11) the Trentham Scholarship Art Union Fund began in Wellington, and:

“... had the support of a most influential committee of prominent men from all over the Dominion... the idea is to raise £100,000 (\$10,062,000 in 2017 dollars), to provide for the education of children of New Zealand soldiers and sailors who have fallen in the war. Over £6,000 worth of prizes, including 1,500 sheep, two £650 motor cars, pianos, gramophones, many valuable fur coats etc have been donated from all over the Dominion. The Art Union tickets are selling for one shilling each ...”

So the upshot was that Maxwell’s father was killed in the Great War, and the Scholarship would have paid for him to enter the Matriculation Examinations.

There is a second internal receipt in one of the *Calendars*.



4 in x 3 ½ in / 100 mm x 90 mm

The stamps are creatively placed. In 1932 Maxwell was in 6 Remove and his Form Master was the Head of French, G.S. Coldham M.A. Maxwell sat for Matriculation again.

In the previous year there were 25 boys in Upper 5 Latin, six passed 'Matric' and seven others received partial passes. Maxwell was not among them. The following year saw 32 boys in 6 Remove, 15 passed Matric, 12 got partial passes and five did not get any award. Maxwell got a partial pass.

At a time when many boys did not continue past primary school, Maxwell had had four years at a Grammar School, had studied Latin and had had some success at Matric. All of this would have given him a decided edge.

Thomas Ivan Maxwell was off to make his way in the world.

Brian Murphy