

## A HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL IN 100 OBJECTS

### AN EARLY REPORT

Size: 10¼in x 6¾in / 260mm x 170mm

Description: This report is for the Second Term 1922 and it is for MG Jenkins, 4C. He was one of the originals who came over from Auckland Grammar School. It's possible that there may not have been a First Term report as a consequence of the closure of local schools due to infection.

St. Albert Grammar School  
REPORT FOR SECOND TERM 1922

Name: *M.G. Jenkins* Form: *4C*  
Class: *4C* Half year out of: *1922* Last: *1922*

Subject	Grade	Remarks
ENGLISH	<i>Good</i>	
HISTORY	<i>Good</i>	
GEOGRAPHY	<i>Good</i>	
LATIN		
FRENCH	<i>Very good</i>	
COMMERCIAL	<i>Very good</i>	
ARITHMETIC	<i>Good</i>	
ALGEBRA	<i>Good</i>	
GEOMETRY	<i>Good</i>	
PHYSICAL SCIENCE	<i>Good</i>	
HEAT		
CHEMISTRY		
DRAWING	<i>Good</i>	

Headmaster's Report: *A boy of considerable promise.*

SCHOOL REPORT ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1922

St. Albert Grammar School  
REPORT FOR THIRD TERM 1922

Name: *M.G. Jenkins* Form: *4C*  
Class: *4C* Half year out of: *1922* Last: *1922*

Subject	Grade	Remarks
ENGLISH	<i>Very good</i>	
HISTORY	<i>Very good</i>	
GEOGRAPHY	<i>Very good</i>	
LATIN		
FRENCH	<i>Very good</i>	
COMMERCIAL	<i>Very good</i>	
ARITHMETIC	<i>Very good</i>	
ALGEBRA	<i>Very good</i>	
GEOMETRY	<i>Very good</i>	
PHYSICAL SCIENCE	<i>Very good</i>	
HEAT		
CHEMISTRY		
DRAWING	<i>Very good</i>	

Headmaster's Report: *A boy of considerable promise.*

SCHOOL REPORT ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1923

Discussion: This document is fragile and is kept in a separate acid-free file. The form is generic, the subjects show that it could be used throughout the School. The subjects with no comments were not taken by Jenkins.

In the first two years History and Geography were one subject, Arithmetic, Algebra and Geometry may not have been taught by the same master and were separately examined. At the junior level Physical Science was really Physical Measurement. Heat and Chemistry were taught for Matriculation, (Form 5) level, though some Chemistry was taught in 3A and 4A. The Headmaster's comment on this report was; "Great credit in English. A good reliable boy." The form master, C.P. Worley had a BA at the time, and also gained a BSc later. At the start of the year he had been away, ill. It may be that he had not fully recovered from being seriously wounded at the Battle of the Somme. In the first term 1922 *Calendar* he is listed as being on leave and the form master is given as A.D. Trendall.

We have additional documents for Jenkins. There is a Third Term report which is the same style as the Term Two report though in even more delicate condition. It reported on "A boy of considerable promise."

There is a class photograph of 4C 1922. There are 29 boys including three in jacket and tie. (The first two *Calendars* list 30 boys in the class.) The boys in the front row are sitting on what looks to be canvas to protect them from direct contact with the rough gravel surface. C.P. Worley is in the photograph. It is of remarkable quality, much more so than some more recent photographs. The photograph is standard 6inx4in /150mmx100mm, on a grey backing card 8¾inx6in /220mmx170mm.



There are two Certificates for Jenkins.

One is the highly elaborate sports certificate that became standard (9¾inx7in / 250mmx180mm). This one is the Annual Athletics Sports Certificate, awarded to M.G. Jenkins who was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in 880yd Handicap Open, 1922, and signed by G.S Coldham, M.A., Sports Secretary and by F.W. Gamble, Headmaster.



The other is a large academic certificate (12inx10in /310mmx250mm). Jenkins was first in English in 4C in 1922. It is signed by A.P.W. Thomas M.A. F.L.S, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and it is also signed by Headmaster Gamble and is dated December 1922. After which, Maurice George Jenkins, “A boy of considerable promise,” was on his way. He did not attempt a Senior Free Place examination, but left to work at Mackey Logan Caldwell, warehousemen, Corner of Elliott and Derby Streets, Auckland.

The School is indebted to Maurice Jenkins’ son Neil for the generous gifts, in November 2006, of his fathers’ reports and certificates.

Brian Murphy