



NEWSLETTER

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The ASCA Newsletter

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Keeping you up to date, and in the loop, with ASCA goings on.

Welcome to the second half of the ASCA year and we hope everyone is having a successful build up to the busy half of the year when most of the Examinations are held.

Some good news.

Students of Rachel Hennessy (Teacher and ASCA committee member) won the best primary script in the Sharp Short competition run by the Riverside Theatre. As reported in the Inner West Courier newspaper: "*The Hennessy Speech and Drama Studio's short play **Broken Treaty** has taken out the prize for best script (primary) in the fourth annual Sharp Short Theatre Competition*". Congratulations to Rachel and her students.

ASCA's New Website

ASCA now has a brand new, upgraded, more comprehensive Website thanks to a small team of Committee members and Kate Dooley the designer.

The Website is: www.asca-speech.org

Membership reminder.

Just a reminder for anyone yet to send their 2018 membership form and fees - they are now overdue. The forms were sent out last year and need to be completed, particularly if your details have changed from 2017.

The membership forms can also be downloaded from the website.
Membership annual fees are:

Student Associate Membership	\$20
Individual Membership	\$40
Corporate Membership	\$50

Please make cheques payable to ASCA and send with completed form to Mrs Susanne Harrison, ASCA Membership Secretary, PO Box 322, Manly, NSW 1655.

The ASCA Awards Ceremony

The ASCA Awards Ceremony was held at Ravenswood School for Girls on May 5 and we thank Ravenswood for supporting such an important ASCA event. Many thanks to Mrs Jillian Burgess for organizing for ASCA to use the excellent Ravenswood auditorium. Also, without all the volunteers who gave freely of their time, the event would not have been possible. Many thanks! Thank you also to all the students and teachers who travelled from around the State to attend.

The Ceremony ran smoothly and professionally and feedback from parents, teachers and students was very positive.

Awards presented were:

Certificate of Communication
Diploma of ASCA
Diploma of Communication (Teaching: Public Speaking)
Diploma of Communication
Centre Medals
Studio Medals
Studio Achievement Medals

Other Major Awards were:

National Scholarship Award for Excellence.

Hannah Walsh - Ravenswood School for Girls

Gino Piro Director's Award for Outstanding Performance.

Kelsey Lu - PLC Sydney

Zdenek Piro Memorial Award for an Outstanding Candidate with English as a second Language

Rosemary Lu – Brigidine College; Lydia Xu – Korowa Anglican College

Excellence in Teaching Award

Lynette Sibley

Award for Excellence in Communication

Mrs Anne Johnson.

Mrs Johnson was the guest speaker and spoke brilliantly about the power of resilience and positive thinking and the importance and relevance of Speech communication. Mrs Johnson is the Principal of Ravenswood School for Girls and we thank her for her time and for her commitment to ASCA.

Diploma Graduates

Congratulations to the following people who were presented with their ASCA Diplomas and Certificates.

DIPLOMA OF ASCA

Clare Cattell

Sophia Fallon

Hannah Jones

Julia Longford

DIPLOMA OF COMMUNICATION

Sally Hannah Adams

Clare Elizabeth Armstrong

Amy Christine Bauman
Annabelle Carolyn Boyd
Isabel Evelyn Mackenzie
Bremner
Annabelle Maree Shehadie
Brennan
Joe Bonic
Max Bonic
Jacqueline Moya Brown
Katie Byrnes
Katya Lauren Cahill
Piper Elizabeth Gorgeous Devlin
Sherry Yu Dong
Alice Rose Dunkley
Genevieve Feely
Chelsey Louise Fowler
Mia Jade Gruzin
Tahlia Halasz-Valverde

Gemma Lorraine Scholz Hassall
Margaret Haynes
Daisy Lie Er Hu
Isabella Sirada Janic
Lucy Alice Kellaway
Sophie Alina Krygier
Sofia Brooke Latham
Phillip Liang
Giles Matthews
Rachel Elizabeth McCrossin
Sarah Alexandra Nerwich
Derek Norris
Esher Rudd
Carissa Shale
Sophia Rose Thompson
Stephanie Woo
Claire Yi
Vahini Yogesan

CERTIFICATE OF COMMUNICATION

Ruby Augusta Adler
Hannah Elizabeth Ahern
Salina Ai
John Andreatidis
Karabella Cattanach
Liona Chang

Stephanie Chew
Lina Cho
Rose Cook
Annie Cumberlege
Jessica Davies
William Duke

Abby Rose Faure	Sebastian Liell-Cock
Isabella Margaret Freeland	Cosette de Lorenzo
Roy Fu	Matthew Lowe
Molly Garry	Laurel Lu
Asha Jo Gatland	Sophie Ma
Clare Chae-Young Gim	Lauren McGrath-Wild
Clare Golja	Olivia McNamara
Lisa Gorse	Alyssa Malvern
Meg Haynes	Tess Marson
Anna Hui-Yin Ho	Giles Matthews
Thomas Hodgson	Olivia Grace Morris
Bailiejean Hohnberg	Freya Imogen Mann
Shirley Hong	Rong Tina Mu
Zoe Elizabeth Hunt	Shannon Neaves
Caroline Jenneke	Oliver Oayda
Suruthi Jeyakanthan	David Oh
Jordan Johnson	Eliza Otton
Maeve Kelaher	Olivia Grace Owens
Lucy Kellaway	Sherie Pan
Sylvia Kim	Kate Annabelle Rahme
Gemma Lorna Lapsley	Meghana Reddy
Kirsty Lavender	Sneha Naidu
Abbey Alyse Lawrance	Michael Niven
Eleanor Lawton-Wade	Hailey Park
Julia Leggat	Umesh Raveen
Erica Peters Lehm	Pavitra Ravi
Phillip Liang	Grace Richardson

Max Samengo

Jessica Wang

Josephine Saunders

James Wily

Oliver Shelburne

Madison Yazbek

Courtney Rose Snushell

Penelope Yee

Elisabeth Sulich

Cindy Zeng

Caitlin Thai

Emily Zhang

Bridget Elizabeth Tracy

Isabel Zhu

Thomas Vaughan

Hannah Kathleen Walsh

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Information for Teachers about Examination Entries

A reminder that Examination entries (complete with numbers, grades and examination fees) **must reach ASCA 6 weeks prior** to the proposed examination date.

The busiest examination time of the year is Term 4, November and December in particular. For this reason, any teacher wishing to hold examinations in mid December must send entries before November 1.

The cut- off date for mid December (after the school Term) 2018 Examinations is November 1.

More important information for Teachers about Examination Entries:

A message from our Secretary Dr Paul March.

Dear ASCA Teacher – I do hope the year has begun well for you – ASCA is already busy with many exam bookings so far.

In order that we can get exam report forms out to you on time, we need considerable notice:

- *For 3rd Term Exams: numbers need to be in by 28th July at the latest.*
- *For 4th Term: numbers need to be in by the end of 3rd Term.*

In any case, all booking forms and fees MUST be in at least 6 weeks before the exam days so that Examiners etc can be appointed.

It is not acceptable to book exams later than these dates as the ASCA Office needs time to properly process requests.

Don't hesitate to ring me with any queries –

Good teaching –

*Dr Paul March
Secretary
0418 234 386*

Food for Thought !

Sandra Carter recommends a web site - Ethics.org - for talk topics for Personal Projects.

Ethics.org is a great website for senior students looking for interesting ethical issues to talk about. It takes a little while to thoroughly explore the site so don't give up there is layer upon layer.

For younger students and their families there is also a podcast with some interesting ethical dilemmas to explore.

<http://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/shortandcurly/>



NEW SEASON OF PODCAST FOR CURIOUS MINDS

ABC Radio and our very own Dr Matt Beard join forces once again to bring ethical conundrums to family conversations, and get kids thinking critically about the curly questions of life. In this seventh season, they poke a stick at issues including:

What's the point of school uniforms?

Why value the lives of some animals over others?

Who should decide when you get your ears pierced?

Was Robin Hood right to rob the poor?

Catch the latest season of iTunes number one kids and family podcast.

Susanne Harrison recommends a web site for Musical Theatre students.

www.musicals101.com The site contains information about the history of musicals – stage, screen, TV and cabaret, sample scenes, sample lyrics, Show Rights and Recordings.

Some wise words:

“ If you don't know where you are going, how can you expect to get there?” Basil Walsh.

“Eighty percent of success is showing up”. Woody Allen.

Queries

If you have any queries about ASCA, the syllabus or examinations, please contact us by email, or write and they will be handed to the committee for an answer.

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