



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.

Congratulations to all ASCA members on a very successful 2020, the year of the Pandemic!

Membership reminder

Just a reminder for anyone yet to send their 2021 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 2020.

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. Please also include a stamped addressed envelope for your receipt.

Membership can also be paid by Direct debit. ASCA BSB 222906 Account 00131200. Please identify exam date and school/teacher on the description on bank deposit. Eg Smith Dec 28

The ASCA Annual General Meeting was held on 6 February 2021 and the following members were elected:

Office Bearers

President	Sandra Carter
Vice- President	Jillian Burgess
Secretary	Paul March
Treasurer	Carolyn McKenzie
Assistant Secretary/ Membership Secretary	Susanne Harrison

Committee

Minutes Secretary	Jillian Burgess
Newsletter Editor	Susanne Harrison
Publicity Officer	Samantha Luck
Events Co-ordinator	Elizabeth Walsh
QLD Co-ordinator	Genevieve England and Anita Eldridge
Victorian Co-ordinator	Robyn Schiller

Ordinary Committee Members –Therese Bennetts, Andrea Crawford, Jill Tucker, Jacqui Field, Rachel Hennessy, Tahlia Morrissey.

A Reminder of Syllabus changes made in February 2020.

Please add the changes to your Syllabuses.

Dip Comm Communication through Performance

Section 2 Please add “or the candidate is to introduce and present two contrasting pieces as for an audition – prose, poetry or drama since 1950 to the present. (Time 7 minutes)’

Junior Grade 2 Communication

Section 4 Please add “The chosen book must be different from the book chosen for the book review “.

Dip Comm Written: Radio and TV media from the point of view of the interviewee.

Senior Grade 1 Communication

Section 3 Add “or a lyric or a narrative poem.”

Cert Comm

Welcome / Acknowledgement of Country

The ASCA Awards Ceremony

The ASCA Awards Ceremony has been cancelled again this year due to Covid restrictions. Instead of having the usual ceremony in Sydney, we are encouraging individual schools and studios to present certificates and medals within their own context. In past years we have had some schools holding their own presentation ceremonies. These have been very successful for several reasons - all awardees have been able to be present and the occasion has been excellent in promoting ASCA within the school context.

Nomination forms have already been sent out and certificate and medals are being prepared. If you did not send in your nominations, it is assumed that awards are not needed.

Important Information for Teachers about Examination Entries

A reminder that Examination entries (complete with fees) must reach ASCA at least 6 weeks before the proposed examinations.

Please note that the **Examination fees remain the same as 2020**

Important dates for ASCA Examinations

If an ASCA teacher has at least 3 hours of Examinations, an ASCA Examiner can be appointed to attend the teacher's school or studio.

If fewer than 3 hours of examining, exam candidates can be examined at the **Open Days. There are 2 Open Days each year.**

Examination Venue: Ravenswood School for Girls, Henry Street, Gordon.

Examination Dates:

Saturday 19 June 2021 **Practical Examinations and Written Examinations**

Entries must be received by ASCA on or before 8th May (6 weeks prior to the Open Day)

Saturday 27 Nov 2021 **Practical Examinations and Written Examinations**

Entries must be received by ASCA on or before 16th October 2021 (6 weeks prior to the Open Day)

More important information for Teachers about Examinations:

DIPLOMA OF COMMUNICATION – Teachers are to send Dr March a copy of when Diploma students have passed both the written and the practical section of the Diploma along with the dates

and result of the pre-requisite grades. The name of the examiner, the venue and the teacher's name must be added.

Teachers are reminded that it is essential to keep a copy of the Diploma Reports both Practical and Written. Future employers may ask for the reports as well as the Certificate. Teachers are also reminded to **send the full legal name of student** for the Certificate of Communication and Diploma of Communications and the Diploma of ASCA.

A replacement Certificate of Communication or Diploma charge is \$100. A replacement Grade Certificate charge is \$35.

Information for teachers on the new way to receive Examination report forms,
*Last year teachers were asked to order their Examination report forms for the entire year. This system will be used again in 2021 . Could you please put your orders in before the end of Term 1. **The order form is below.***



Check List for ASCA Exam days

Check List for ASCA Exam Days - for Teachers or Organisers

- Arrange the exam room with a table and chair for the examiner and chairs for audience members. (Chairs should be spaced 1.5m apart in line with The Department of Health's COVID-19 guidelines)
- Make-up some signs for the entrance and around the room to remind audience members to:
“BE QUIET. EXAMS IN PROGRESS”
“PLACE PHONES ON SILENT”
“NO PHOTOS OR VIDEOS”
- Have a bottle of water, glass and tissues on the examiner's table. Make sure there is ample light for the examiner.
- Ensure that 2 copies of the **Examination Results Form** are on the examiner's desk with candidates' names (neatly printed or written) in order of their exams.
- Ensure you or your students' have neatly completed their details on the **Examiner's Report Form** prior to their exams so they are ready to be handed to the examiner or in order, on the examiner's table.
- Have spare copies of your student's memorised selections on hand in case they forget them on the day!
- Schedule a break for the examiner every 2 hours – a morning and afternoon break should be approximately 15 minutes so that the examiner has time for a light refreshment and bathroom break.
- Schedule a 45-minute lunch break for the examiner – please ensure you provide a simple lunch and check with the examiner before hand if they have any dietary requirements.
- Students and audience members should not be in the room whilst the examiner is having lunch.
- Remember to introduce the examiner to the audience, remind them that there are strictly NO photos or videos to be taken during the exams, and to turn their phones to silent

ENJOY!

“I have learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you do but people will never forget how you made them feel” - Maya Angelou.

Just a reminder of JOCELYN BELL, ESB INTERNATIONAL'S HONORARY PRESIDENT

Who died in January, 2020

Jocelyn Bell was ESB International's co-founder and Honorary President.



Jocelyn Bell was involved with English Speaking Board (International) Ltd. (ESB) from its inception and remained involved with the organisation, its philosophy and practices, almost up to the time of her passing.

ESB International was formed in 1953, by Christabel Burniston, aided by Jocelyn, Christabel's professional colleague. Jocelyn and Christabel shared the **same educationalist's vision that true development of personality, and security in social relationships, could only grow through the confidence of speaking and listening.** Jocelyn worked closely with Christabel on several projects to promote the organisation and pioneer a **radical new approach to oral skills and communication.**

Jocelyn believed that assessments should provide sympathetic environments where young people and adults could be encouraged to share interests, achievements and ideas.

In the 1960's, ESB became English Speaking Board (International) Ltd. as it extended its influence overseas.

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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