



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 very busy second half of the year!

Membership reminder.

Just a reminder for anyone yet to send their 2024 membership form and fees - they are now overdue.

Note that the membership fees are the same as 2023 except for Corporate membership.

The membership forms can also be downloaded from the website.

Membership annual fees are:

Student Associate Membership	\$20
Individual Membership	\$40
Corporate Membership	\$100

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 062229 Account 00131200. Remember to identify exam date and school/teacher on the description on bank deposit. Eg Smith Dec 28

From ASCA archives – how times have changed !

The following article was printed in the ASCA newsletter “Mouth –Piece “ in 1987

(Originally published in the Herald. 25 January,1985)

Many teachers have expressed a need for a checklist to appropriately describe pupils in their care for the purpose of reporting to parents. This document may be of some assistance.

Comment

Interpretation

Satisfactory progress	<i>I can't think of a single interesting thing about him/ her.</i>
A born leader	<i>Godfather type.</i>
Easy going	<i>Bone idle.</i>
Lively nature	<i>Disruptive.</i>
A sensitive child	<i>Never stops whining.</i>
Helpful	<i>Creep.</i>
Reliable	<i>Dobs in his mates.</i>

Also from the ASCA Archives 1987:

Examples of Tautology.

‘It is a unique offer and one that will never be repeated’.
(Rothbury Estate Wine Society)

“Bargain basement downstairs. “
(Shop sign in Darling Street)

“Baby I want you to help me escape and help me get away “
(Leo Sayer)

More next time...

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 2023**

Important dates for ASCA Examinations

Notes: 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. Examinations will also be available via Zoom.

*If fewer than 3 hours of examining, exam candidates can be examined at the **Open Days**. There are 2 Open days each year. Please note that the Open Day is to be used by small studios only.*

EXAMINATION VENUE:

Ravenswood School for Girls, Henry Street, Gordon.

EXAMINATION DATES:

One Open day remaining for the year

Saturday 30 November 2024 : Practical Examinations and Written Examinations

Entries must be received by ASCA on or before 18 October 2024 (6 weeks prior to the Open Day)

USE OF ASCA LOGO

Please be aware that in order to control and protect the ASCA logo for the benefit of all in the organisation, the use of the ASCA logo by teachers, schools or other organizations is **strictly prohibited**.

ASCA MARKET PLACE. 2024

Buy, Sell or Swap.

Just a reminder that ASCA is offering an opportunity to buy, sell or swap , books, resourses, costumes, props, posters or anything relating to Speech , Communication or Drama.

Please send your enquiries to ASCA if you are searching for an “out of print” book or a particular costume. Include an email address for reply. If you have something to sell or swap, please send a picture or description plus an email address and price if selling.

An important note about the new Marking System for High Distinction.

Sometimes parents and teachers don't quite understand the difference between a Distinction and a High Distinction.

For Example:

Currently, 2 students get 4 Distinctions in their Junior 4 exam – one ends up getting a Distinction and the other a High Distinction overall. The student who received a High Distinction received that mark because the Distinctions were all of a very high standard.

Under the new system, if students deserve a High Distinction they will now receive a **Distinction +** in one of the exam sections to indicate the High Distinction standard.

To go back to the 2 students: one receives **DDDD**, the other **D+DDD**. The **D+** student will receive a High Distinction mark!!

Some wise words

“Let thy Speech be better than silence, or be silent.” Dionysius the Elder.

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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