

DA DANTE NEWS GOLD COAST.

“BUONA PASQUA . Vi auguriamo una Pasqua piena di pace, armonia, serenita` e amore.



LETTERA DEL PRESIDENTE

Dear members

I hope you like the new look of our newsletter. In this newsletter there is information about our Dante library which is available to all members. I have made some times available for members to come and browse, have a coffee or play some games. These will be advertised in our newsletter and Facebook page.

Now that we can start travelling again it is a good time to learn Italian. Please promote our new Italian for Travellers 8 week course starting after Easter. We have discounts at various Italian schools in Italy, please contact me if you are interested.

The President of the Societa' Dante Alighieri headquarters, [Andrea Riccardi](#), announced that the [Dante Society](#) is offering free Italian lessons for the Ukranian refugees arriving in Italy. These will be in 29 Dante schools as well as online www.dante.global.

Please let me know if you are coming to the morning tea and film on the 5th April and let Maria Barrett know if you are coming to the Friends of the Dante lunch on the 8th April. All information is on our website and on our Facebook page. Thank you to the ladies who are organizing the Celebration on the 29th April for Dr. Brian Bell and Luisa Liussi.

We wish you and your families a peaceful Easter.

Cordiali saluti

Cav. Giovanna Santomauro

April/ Aprile 2022

DATE CLAIMER

2 APRIL

Easter Break

5 APRIL

9.30 a.m. Morning tea + Italian film

8 APRIL

Amici della Dante pranzo al Club

19 APRIL

Term 2 commences

9.30 - 11.30 a.m. DANTE Library open

26 APRIL

9.30 a.m. Morning tea + Italian film

29 APRIL

Celebration– Dante rooms

3 MAY

Morning tea + Italian film

18 JUNE

End of 1st Semester

28 JUNE

Gnocchi Making

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FESTA DELLA DONNA

It is early spring in Italy, on every street corner vendors sell a burst of sunshine, the streets are crammed with golden floral branches hanging from doors and gateways, tied up with ribbons.

Men across Italy gather bunches of wattle, known as mimosa, handing them to women – their sisters, wives, daughters, friends.

La Festa della Donna, or International Women's Day is an annual celebration when women are honoured.

Mimosa has been the Italian symbol of love and appreciation for women since the festival's beginnings in 1946.



SCOPPIO DEL CARRO

Florence's SCOPPIO DEL CARRO (explosion of the Cart) is held on Easter Sunday but isn't a typical Easter celebration.

Dating back 350 years, the celebration features an elaborate wagon built in 1622 and standing two or three storeys high. It is pulled by a pair of white oxen to the Piazza del Duomo, escorted by participants dressed in 15th-century costume.

The cart is then loaded up with fireworks, which are ignited after Easter mass, lighting up the sky.

If the complex ritual proceeds smoothly and all of the fireworks go off, good luck is ensured for a good harvest for this year as well as for the city and its citizens – so we hope for a wonderful explosion of the cart every Easter!

[Read more and see a video here](#)

When? Annual event, every Easter Sunday
Where? Piazza del Duomo, Florence

Ciao a tutti!!

This week sees the end of Term 1 (first 9 weeks). We are very lucky that Covid hasn't affected us greatly this year.

During this two week break, there will be no mini-courses offered. There are several classes which will be completed early due to upcoming public holidays, Easter Monday and Anzac day.

Please ensure you are not affected. Talk to your teacher.

Unfortunately, our end of term dinner at Origano Restaurant was cancelled due to a lack of numbers. I hope we can all come together for the end of Semester dinner. It will be on the last day of our course. Restaurant to be advised.

Important Course Dates for Semester 1, 2022

- Easter break 2 April - 18 April
- Term 2 commences 19 April
- Semester ends Friday 17 June
- Student Dinner Friday 17 June

Need to pay for Term 2?

You do not need to complete an enrolment form. Just pay the 9 week amount of \$270 to the Dante account please.

Italian For Travellers Course

We are offering this course in both day and evening timeslots for those who would like to start learning Italian. Information and the enrolment form is available on our website, www.dantegoldcoast.com.au

Please let your friends and family know.

Please call me on 07 5527 0797 or Email me info@dantegoldcoast.com with any ideas or concerns.

Rita, School Director

Dante Alighieri Society Gold Coast

ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSE
for
Absolute Beginners
8 week course

Commencing
Day class- Tues 19 April 9.30-11.30am
Evening class- Wed 20 April 6.00-8.00pm

\$280 includes textbook & Dante membership

Perfect for travelling or simple conversation!!





DOLCI da BUMBLES

Beginners 1 class were spoilt with a delicious dolce surprise during class.

Kindly supplied by student Tim, the goodies were from Bumbles Cafe in Surfers Paradise.

These treats made learning Italian even sweeter.

Thanks Tim and Bumbles Cafe!
www.bumblescafe.com

SCOPA CHALLENGE!

Carlotta from Beginners 1 loves playing cards and word games, so was delighted to challenge John to a game of Scopa!

Scopa ('to sweep' in Italian) is one of the most popular card games in Italy.

Playing Italian cards, board and word games is fun and a great way to practice your Italian.

Keep an eye out for our next student games session.



COOL TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

Do you have any Italian language learning tips?

Rosa from Beginners 1 practices her Italian by listening to Italian language podcasts constantly in her car. Here are a few of her favourites.

- 5 minute Italian with Katie and Mattel.
- Let's Speak Italian with Mike.
- Free Italian lessons with Larry Aiello.
- Italian lessons for Mum with Georgia.
- Italian Grammar Made Easy with Margherita.

Student Gioia walks the beach repeating Italian phrases aloud while listening to the Italian Coffee Break podcast. People stare sometimes.



Società Dante Alighieri Gold Coast Inc

Siete invitati



Amici della Dante pranzo al Club



Venerdì 8 Aprile 2022, alle 12pm, Gold Coast Italo Australian Club

\$20 seafood, chips, salad share platters.

Coffee, drinks and dessert not included. Pay card or cash on arrival.

Please call or text **Maria Barrett** on 0418 750 232 by 4 April
to confirm or for more information.

MORNING TEA + ITALIAN FILM

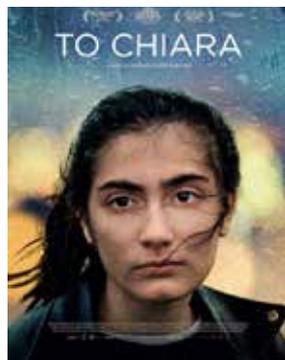
5 APRIL, 9.30 a.m.

STAY AWAY FROM ME is a fun romantic comedy in Italian with English subtitles.

It is set in the beautiful and romantic city of Rome.

Cost \$10 includes morning tea.

Please RSVP by 4/4/22 **Giovanna** on 07 5539 5528



To Chiara (M)

In southern Italy Chiara (Rotolo) lives with her close-knit family. After celebrations for her eldest sister's eighteenth birthday her father abruptly disappears. As Chiara begins to question her mother and extended family and search for her father, secrets and traditions are revealed.

Ingeniously structured and building to a thrilling climax, director Jonas Carpignano's neo-realist tale presents a new perspective on the Italian family drama.

Italian - English Subtitles, HOTA cinema, Thu 21 Apr - Fri 29 April

MAMBO ITALIANO

- Tue, 19 Apr, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
- Brisbane City Hall
- 64 Adelaide St, Brisbane City QLD

Lord Mayor's City Hall Concerts presents Mambo Italiano. Come along and be swept up in the ambience of an evening in Roma.

[Read more on Brisbane City Council website.](#)

CAIRNS ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2022

Ciao and welcome to the Cairns Italian Festival,

28 July - 6 August 2022!

An exciting celebration of all things Italian - food, wine, and world-class entertainment, including an Italian wedding comedy play!

Read more on the [Cairns Italian Festival website](#)



Festeggiamenti! Let's Celebrate!
Return to Dante Classes Term 2
&
Recognising Luisa Liussi and Dr Brian Bell for their contributions to Dante GC

\$25 includes
glass of prosecco, grazing table
Lucky door prizes & raffles

FRIDAY 29th APRIL
6:15pm for 6:30-8:00pm
DANTE courtyard
RSVP 20th APRIL
Book online at
www.dantegoldcoast.com.au

BYO facemask, drinks & buon umore

DANTE CORO NEWS

Coro resumed after a long break. We have been meeting for a singalong in Piazza Dante on a Wednesday night and celebrated a few birthdays.

Thanks to Ester for making the Piazza so clean. We appreciate it very much. Auguri and cheers to the birthday girls, Jenny, Ester and Hayley. We had a very happy night.

On Friday 18th March we sang for the Co.As.It. group to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. What a fun time singing and dancing!

Coro is now on a break until after Easter. Buona Pasqua a tutti. Ciao, Virginia Lamb



DANTE LIBRARY

Dante members may borrow books, magazines, DVDs and CDs from the library either 15 minutes before class, or during the coffee break.

From time to time we advertise opening the library to all members on a Tuesday morning. Dates of this will be mentioned in the newsletter. For further information you can contact Giovanna on 07 5539 5528.

Thank you to Yen Musgrove and Adolfo Matthews for all the work in cataloguing our library items.

Thank you to our Webmaster, Brian Bell for the Library Section on the Web site where there is access to the library catalogue and you can read some reviews.

Thank you to Luisa Liussi and Martina Medda who also worked on the library. We now have a new library assistant, Carina, Carolann Barnwell, a student from Beginners 1 class who is helping place books back on shelves.



Our borrowing is a self-checking honour system:

- You select the item to be borrowed, and enter its details (title, call number, etc.) in the Loans Register in the section under your teacher's name.
- Sign it out to yourself by using a legible signature and providing your full contact details i.e. phone number.
- Loan Period: 4 weeks [with the possibility of a further 2 week extension after obtaining your class Teacher's approval].

Reference material can be used in the Library only. They are Not For Loan and cannot be removed from the library under any circumstances.

RETURNED loan item(s) must be signed in, by your Class Teacher, and placed in the Box provided.



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HAVE YOU BEEN MISSING YOUR PANE DI CASA, CIABATTA, PASTA DURA AND FOCCACCIA ?

Well, here is a bit of news:
You can find RUSTIC MILL & SAM MAARIA's Italian bread at KAFFE EUROPA, Nerang.

I remember as a girl in Italy being very careful with my handling of bread as PANE is not only nourishment for Italians, but also sacred.

It is mentioned each day in the prayer PADRE NOSTRO :

“Dacci oggi il nostro pane quotidiano”.. (Give us our daily bread”..)

In my Nonna's house it was sinful to throw away left-over bread, a habit I carry to this day. Luisa X