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President's Letter

Dear members,

Last month when Semester 2 courses started students were finally able to see each other in person in the Dante rooms. In compliance with the COVID Safe Plan, hand sanitizer is provided in the two classrooms to be used by everyone entering. Furniture in classrooms was rearranged so that students observe the social distance rules. As Rita mentioned in the School News **Please stay home if you are ill.**

We continue having our Committee meetings by Zoom and still are able to keep in touch with each other. Please take care and keep safe.

We are still not able to organise social or cultural events. Each year we try to do something to celebrate Ferragosto, the Italian summer holiday, but unfortunately we will not be doing anything this year.

Thank you to Stefania Del Monte for donating the books we had for our mercatino. Thank you to all the students who donated the gold coins to get some.

You will notice our Piazza Dante looking very smart. Thank you to Ester Ceron for the upkeep of the plants. Thank you to Walter, Franco, Anna and Ester for the new plants that just went in the planters in front of the mural painted by Wynne Armstrong.

Picture below was from the Zoom meeting organised by Eugenio Vender from Sede Centrale Rome.

Cordiali saluti

Giovanna Santomauro



Invito Zoom ad un brindisi estivo Dante Australia. (non si vedono tutti in questa foto) Giovanna Santomauro (Gold Coast) Eugenio Vender (Sede Centrale, Roma) Rosalia Miglioli (Brisbane) Lina Kadziela (Mildura) Franco Papandrea (Canberra) Dominic Barbaro e Mary Marcuccio (Melbourne) Gary Montagner (Cairns) Giancarla Montagna e Fabio Carosone (Sydney) e Alessandro Vero (Perth)

DATE CLAIMERS

*15th August - Ferragosto
19th September - holidays*

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SCHOOL NEWS

Bentornati finalmente alle nostre classi al vivo!!

I think everyone would agree that returning to face to face classes this semester has been great. We will continue to do so until there are any new restrictions put upon us.

This semester, we welcome two new teachers - Linda Bull taking the LCS group on Wednesday evening and Roberto Bucci who is taking Intermediate 1 on Tuesday evening and Italian for Travellers on Thursday evening.



Linda Bull



Roberto Bucci

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Both teachers come to us with a lot of teaching experience. We hope that everyone will get to meet them should we be able to have a function. Francesca Parato has been able to extend her stay in Australia and is working with Beginners 2 on Thursday night.

At the Dante, we are following the regulations for social distancing. Unfortunately, we are not able to have 15 in a class. However, the numbers in each class are good, with four classes full. Those classes will not be taking any more students. Presently, we have approximately 90 students. Zoom has still occurred occasionally for a few students with problems attending the rooms. Please remember to let me know first so I can advise the teacher.

Course Dates for Semester 2 2020

Course commenced - Monday 13th July

Term 3 - 10 weeks

Break -- 18th September – 5th October

Term 4 - 8 weeks

Course concludes- Friday 27th November

Library News

Unfortunately, the library is closed. There will be no borrowing until further notice.

Sickness

Please remember that if you have any signs of being sick, please do not come to classes. With enough notice Zoom could be organized for you.

If you have any questions or concerns - please call me on 07 55270797

Or Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com

Rita School Director

Extra lessons at the end of Term 2

Come fare il minestrone

Students from Beginner 1 and B 2 followed social distancing rules and met in Piazza Dante for *aperitivi* before moving inside for a PowerPoint presentation to "**learn**" the steps for making minestrone from a recipe of my grandmother's. Savouring *un'assaggio* at the end of the cold cold morning motivated all to race home and make a pot for themselves. The recipe is on YouTube on the Dante website – www.dantegoldcoast.com.au

Luisa Liussi



ORECCHIARE - to eavesdrop

Overheard at the end of a conversation from one of our Beginner 3 students: " ...drinking Prosecco and learning those verbs..." . A good idea!

PAGINA DEGLI STUDENTI – Notizie**ENNIO MORRICONE**

Ennio Morricone, famoso compositore italiano, è morto il 6 luglio all'età di novantun anni. Famoso per la colonna sonora dei film *The Mission*, *Il Buono, il Brutto ed il Cattivo* e *Cinema Paradiso*, ha composto più di cinquecento composizioni. Aveva studiato musica al conservatorio di Santa Cecilia a Roma.

Prima di morire aveva espresso il desiderio che la musica dal film *The Mission* fosse suonata al suo funerale.

Era nato a Trastevere a Roma ed è morto in ospedale dov'era stato ricoverato per una frattura al femore. Il suo avvocato ha detto che Ennio è morto con la consolazione della sua fede.

Susanna K. (LCS classe del mercoledì mattina)

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ITALIAN SPOKEN

IL PREMIER CONTE ED IL “CASO BENETTON”

Il primo ministro Conte ha una posizione più forte nel governo dopo aver estromesso la famiglia Benetton dal controllo delle lucrose concessioni di pedaggio delle Autostrade (ASTI). In base all'accordo raggiunto con il governo, Benetton avrà meno del 10% delle autostrade e tra pochi mesi uscirà dalla società.

Il crollo del ponte di Genova (Ponte Morandi) nel 2018 ha portato a questa battaglia, le concessioni stradali, e ha portato Benetton ad un conflitto con il Governo. I negoziati sono proseguiti per due anni.

Il primo ministro Conte ha ottenuto la vittoria dei negoziati ed ha affermato che "...le infrastrutture pubbliche sono un bene pubblico prezioso che deve essere gestito in modo responsabile e si deve garantire sicurezza ed un servizio efficiente".

Carlina C. (LCS classe del mercoledì mattina)

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HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TONY



Vilma Andriani, Connie Canale, Ester Ceron, Giovanna Santomauro and Tony Carnovale having a coffee and cake to celebrate this important milestone for our life member. Tantissimi auguri Tony.

ITALIAN STUDENTS BACK IN CLASS



Student Leslie McCrae offers her *deliziose tortine*. A welcome addition to our "coffee" break as the kitchen is now closed.



B3 practising social distancing in class.



Monday morning



Monday morning



Monday night



Monday night



Wednesday morning



Friday morning

BOCCE CLUB NEWS

Well, what a great day was had by all at the first Bocce Competition at The Italo-Australian Club in years. It was hotly contested by our very professional teams who fought it out to the end.

Afterwards, the players enjoyed a sumptuous lunch joined by the Club's President, Robyn Wallace and Vice President, Carlo Marchesoli to celebrate the winners. Congratulations to all players. The Bocce Club would love to have more players so come and join us.

Everyone Is Welcome.

**COMPETITION WINNERS**

1st Place - Silvana Velardo & Maria Giuliano

2nd Place - Alberto Parente & Alfonso Covino

3rd Place - Clive Wall & Ross Cincinato

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THE GOLD COAST**ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB NEWS****MARCO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT**

The Gold Coast Italo Australian Club takes pride in welcoming Marco Allan, the renowned chef formerly of Nicolini's and Marco's on Cavill. He brings with him years of extensive experience, an intense passion, high-quality standards and individualistic flare. Guests will find simple appreciation in Chef Marco's artistic and distinctive dishes representative of a true Italian.

Come and try our delicious new menu and say hello to the team at The Italo-Australian Club.

Marco's Italian Restaurant is now open for lunch and dinner Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Restaurant Bookings 0434 495 292

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

For your information the office is attended at various hours during the week. If the phone is unattended, call the restaurant direct on the mobile number 0434495292.

Contact for Gold Coast Italo Australian Club office, bookings and Bocce Club: 5575 1966 or 0434 495 292 for the kitchen direct

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PAGINA DEGLI STUDENTI – Notizie (cont.)

L'immenso successo del Premier Giuseppe Conte a Bruxelles

L'Italia è arrivata al punto di svolta il 22 luglio quando i Capi di Stato dell'Eurozona approvavano un piano storico di stanziare una quota considerevole del Recovery Fund, raggiunta dopo il lunghissimo summit nella storia dell'Unione Europea.

Dopo cinque giorni di negoziati, spesso anche rancorosi, la risoluzione del Parlamento dice che verrà assegnato un finanziamento fino a 750 miliardi di euro, dei quali 390 miliardi saranno una sovvenzione e il resto dato in prestito. L'Italia riceverà 209 miliardi, il 28 per cento del totale.

Essendo la maggiore beneficiaria netta degli aiuti Ue, l'Italia dovrà prendere impegno di inviare il programma di riforme al più presto. Il premier italiano, sottoposti alla condizione dell'accordo Ue, metterà in atto un programma di ricostruzione, sollecitando l'avvio di dibattiti urgenti sui temi del lavoro, della crescita economica e della riduzione delle disuguaglianze sociali.

Poi, ci sarà il Green Deal con il quale l'Italia si obbligherà a consolidare il sostegno alle imprese, in particolare per la filiera dell'agroindustria che impiega oltre 2.2 milioni di persone, con un fatturato complessivo raggiungendo 13.4 miliardi di euro.

L'ultimo ma non meno importante, alle scuole verterà un ulteriore miliardo di euro per nuovi investimenti per la realizzazione delle infrastrutture di rete delle istituzioni scolastiche.

Con un tale accordo storico alle spalle, la stabilizzazione dell'Italia sarà assicurata a meno che non ritorni il COVID-19 a bloccare il suo progresso.

Dora E. (LCS del mercoledì mattina)



FERRAGOSTO AND PIAZZA DANTE MEMORIES



PAGINA DELLA CULTURA

ALPINI D'ITALIA

The “Alpini” are the mountain troops of the Italian army. This specialised corps was instituted on the 15th of October 1872 during the re-organisation of the army of the young reign of Italy, which started after the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71. During that war Italy, just unified after the expedition of the 1000 led by Garibaldi, took advantage of the French war with Prussia, to seize the city of Rome, which capitulated in September 1870. After the war, won by Prussia, a new Germany was born.

The necessity to stop enemy forces from crossing the alps, prompted the high command of the Italian Army to investigate the formation of an infantry body able to operate in the mountains. In autumn 1871, Captain Perrucchetti prepared a study on the feasibility defending mountain valleys using local inhabitants. Therefore, the most suitable soldiers to fill out the ranks of the new regiments were the very people inhabiting the Italian alpine arch. These soldiers were trained in all aspects of mountain warfare in a wild environment, climbing mountains and skiing down the valleys in extreme temperature and weather.

In the 1st World War, Italy fought together with France, England, the USA and Russia against Germany and the Austrian empire. The “Alpini” fought the war, primary against the Austrians, on the top of the mountains bordering Austria and Italy. Numerous acts of gallantry are recorded in the annals of the Alpini Troops.

In the Second World War Italy, this time allied with Germany, sent the Alpini troops to Greece, Yugoslavia and Russia. It was during the retreat in Russia, after the collapse of the German, Italian and Rumanian forces, that the Alpini covered themselves with honour, recognised by the Russians as well who stated that only the Alpini could be considered undefeated.

After the 2nd World War Italy become part of the western countries pact, NATO, and the Alpini troops have become part of the defence structure of this organisation.

Today, since the end of the compulsory military service, the Italian army, and with it the Alpini, employs professional soldiers highly trained. The Alpini have since served in war theatres such as : Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libano, etcetera. The Alpini comradeship, very much felt during the military service, whether in war or peace, heightened by sharing intense moments of accomplishment under the extreme conditions of the environment in which the Alpini operate, has led to the constitution of the Associazione Nazionale Alpini (ANA). Almost 300,000 ex -Alpini are members of this association whose groups (sezioni) are widespread throughout the world and includes thousands of Alpini who migrated from Italy after their time in the army. The Alpini hold a National Reunion, in different Italian cities every year, welcoming crowds of up to 400,000 people coming from everywhere. This year unfortunately, due to Covid 19, for the first time since 1919, the reunion has been cancelled.

We have a group of Alpini in Brisban. Many are old but there are quite a few young ones, new blood for our organisation. I have the honour to be the President.

Walter Antonucci



Alpini Clubhouse for the sezione di Brisbane

ALPINI D'ITALIA (cont.)



(Walter Antonucci - standing second from right)

CORO NEWS



It is still not safe for choirs to sing together so the group met at Cafe Morena, Mermaid Beach, on the 17th July to catch up on each other's news.

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**AUGURI PER FERRAGOSTO
CELEBRATO IL 15 AGOSTO**

We try to celebrate it here as part of our Italian Cultural events by going on a picnic or our biannual car rally. This year we will not be able to get together so I have gone through some of our past newsletters and share this:

Dante News August 2010 .

Here are two refreshing recipes to quench your thirst on a hot and steamy “Ferragosto” day in Italy. Well we can always daydream, can't we??

**STRAWBERRY FRAPPE'
(FRAPPE' ALLA FRAGOLA)**

1 punnet fresh strawberries, 2 glasses milk, 2 tabs. vanilla ice cream, 1 tab. cream (if liked). 1 teasp. ground cinnamon; ice cubes; (no sugar).

Leave a couple of strawberries for decoration. Place rest of ingredients in a blender and puree. Serve in a tall glass, and decorate with leftover strawberries and a straw.

**WATERMELON GRANITA
(GRANITA DI ANGIURIA)**

1 nice piece of red watermelon cut into small pieces, seeds **removed** – reserve a few pieces for decoration; (seedless watermelon is best); 1 small punnet washed strawberries, small amount of vodka, juice of 1 small lemon, 2 tabs. Sugar, sprigs of mint.

Place all ingredients except mint in a blender and whisk until smooth. Pour into a container with lid and place in freezer for a couple of hours. When almost set take out and break up with a fork to resemble granita. Return to freezer and let freeze again. After an hour, break-up again and return to freezer. When ready to serve, break up to resemble smooth granita (if too hard return to blender at serving point). Serve in colourful tumblers topped with watermelon pieces (watermelon balls look great), a sprig of mint, and a splash of vodka. *(I suggest you don't drive after eating this)*
Connie Canale



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