



DANTE NEWS Gold Coast

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Societa` Dante Alighieri Gold Coast

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear members

I hope you had a wonderful start to 2014. We warmly welcome our new members and thank everyone who renewed their membership. We fund our school with membership and school fees as well as sponsorship.



The Gold Coast Dante Alighieri Society was established, with the help of the Brisbane Dante Alighieri Society on the 5th June 1989. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, 7th June for a **25th anniversary** celebratory dinner.

Please check out the new look web page. Thank you Brian Bell for the wonderful photos and for keeping it up to date. All the information you need on our classes and events is on there. Thank you to Vicki Minassian for the Dante Gold Coast facebook page and all likes on there.

Classes resume on the **10th February** and our first function for **all members** and friends, not just students, will be our *Carnevale*, *Una Serata in Maschera*, on **Friday 28th February**. It will be a pasta buffet at the club. Please phone Rita to book or put your name down on classroom list.

The Gold Coast Italo Australian Club will be having a "Carnevale di Venezia" 5 course dinner dance on the 15th February. Please book directly with them.

This year there are 2 opportunities for you to go with small groups to Italy; **Italia Bellissima 2014 Tour** with me in September and **Venice with Luisa** with Luisa Liussi in October. Information on both is on the Dante web site.

I look forward to catching up with you at our "Carnevale" on the 28th February.

Cordiali saluti,

Giovanna

Like us on Facebook - Dante Gold Coast

2014 MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE

DATE CLAIMER

10 February - Semester 1 starts
28 February - Carnevale function
7 June - 25th Anniversary function
9 August - Opera "La Boheme"

Carnevale!!

To Welcome Students and Dante friends

You are invited to a "Serata in Maschera"

Friday 28th February 6.30 p.m.

Gold Coast Italo Australian Club

Pasta buffet.

Cost \$10 members \$15 non members.

Please advise dietary needs when booking.

Bookings essential. Write name + number of guests on list in classroom or

RSVP Rita 55270797

No special attire but mask a must.



THE GOLD COAST

ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB

18 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters

Tel 55751966

open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Sunday

LUNCHES FOR \$10

Live music for dancing

Friday, Saturday and Sunday Nights.

PRESIDENT: Giovanna Santomauro 5539 5528

SCHOOL DIRECTOR: Rita Lo Presti 5527 0797

SCHOOL NEWS

Benvenuti e ben tornati ai nostri studenti.

Another year is in front of us. In 2014 we hope to see some improvements to our rooms if we are successful in getting some funding and provide a few extra courses.

Thank You to all who did early bird or direct debit payments. It makes planning for classes and organization so much easier.

As I write this newsletter, it seems all classes will be running.

The teachers and I hope that you gain from your learning and participate with us in social and cultural functions.

Corsi Estivi- Summer courses

Thank you to the teachers who provided extra lessons- Martina, Giovanna, Astrid and Gilda. Many students appreciate the opportunity to maintain their Italian over the long break.

Semester 1 Dates

Please note the change of dates to Term 1 and Easter break

Term 1-	10 Feb- 11 April	9 weeks
Easter Break-	12 April- 27 April	2 weeks
Term 2-	28 April – 27 June	9 weeks

Intermediate & Advanced Conversation Classes

These will commence in Week 1 of classes. Advanced is taken by Gilda and Intermediate conversation by Charlotte. Past members are welcome to maintain their Italian. Must be a Dante member.

\$60 per semester or \$10 per class.

Children's Italian Classes

Unsure if these will run due to numbers. If you know anyone who would like lessons for children, please ask them to contact me.

Caffe` e Conversazione

These are casual nights where we meet and get a chance to practice our Italian and meet some new people with the common goal of improving their Italian. For all levels. More details soon.

Suggestions

If you have any suggestions relating to course, cultural events or functions, please don't hesitate to let me know. Send me an email or let your teacher know.

Welcoming Carnevale Dinner

As well as being a cultural festival in Italy, it is an opportunity for teachers, students and friends of the Dante to meet. All students are invited. Details are on page 1 of this edition as well as on the Web.

Coffee/ Tea breaks

Just a quick reminder that we appreciate Australian money in the container to pay for your tea/coffee not foreign coins.

Scholarships to Italy

We are now receiving many discounts from Italian schools. If you are interested in taking advantage of the discounted prices at various Italian schools, please let Giovanna or myself know.

Library Books and Borrowed CD's

Some students have not returned borrowed books from last year and also the Espresso 1 or 2 CD that accompanies the text book..

Could you please return them asap. They can also be reborrowed.

I hope you have a rewarding semester.

Any questions, please call me 55270797

Or

[Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com](mailto:info@dantegoldcoast.com)

Rita

School Director

MODI DI DIRE - WELL-KNOWN SAYINGS

L'abito non fa il monaco.

(Appearances can be deceiving)

e.g. La tua amica anche se e` ricca non e` certamente di classe: e` proprio vero che l'abito non fa il monaco.

Non capire un'acca.

(Can't understand anything)

e.g. Che confusione nell'aula! Non ho capito un'acca!

CORSI ESTIVI – SUMMER COURSES

Martina with the class of “A little of Italian”



A little of Italian: durante le due settimane del corso siamo andati ...in Italia! Abbiamo fatto conoscenza, chiesto direzioni per il ristorante Dante Alighieri dove abbiamo mangiato benissimo! Purtroppo non siamo stati troppo bene dopo e così siamo stati da un bravo dottore che ci ha mandato a fare la spesa. Ci siamo divertiti molto

Martina with the class “La Pubblicità”



La pubblicità: attraverso alcune pubblicità italiane abbiamo analizzato la grammatica e la logica della pubblicità. Abbiamo lavorato sulle espressioni idiomatiche e sui gesti nella pubblicità. Alla fine del corso gli studenti hanno creato una loro pubblicità. Bravissimi!!!

2014 SEMESTER 1 – ITALIAN CLASSES

For your convenience below are the classes running, text used, days and teacher for each.

INTRODUCTION – Text *Introduction to Italian*
MON MORN & THU NIGHT - Astrid Pennisi

BEGINNERS 1 – Text - *Buongiorno Italia* –
TUES NIGHT – Astrid Pennisi
FRI MORN – Giovanna Santomauro

BEGINNERS 2 – Text *Buongiorno Italia* –
MON NIGHT – Giulia Torello-Hill
TUES MORN - Luisa Liussi

BEGINNERS 3 – Text *Buongiorno Italia* –
TUES NIGHT – Giovanna Santomauro

INTERMEDIATE 1 – Text – *Espresso 1* –
WED MORN - Charlotte Petrucci

INTERMEDIATE 2 – Text – *Espresso 1* –
WED NIGHT – Giulia Torello-Hill

INTERMEDIATE 4 – Text – *Espresso 2* –
MON. NIGHT – Luisa Liussi
FRI MORN - Martina Medda

ADVANCED 2 – Text – *Da Capo* –
WED MORN - Martina Medda

LINGUA, CULTURA E SOCIETA` - Text –
Da Capo – WED NIGHT – Martina Medda

INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATION –
MON MORNING – Charlotte Petrucci

ADVANCED CONVERSATION –
THURS MORN – Gilda La Rocca



Students from Summer Course “**Introduction to Italian**” with their teacher Astrid Pennisi and school director Rita Lo Presti.



A TUTTI GLI INNAMORATI

14 Febbraio 2014

BACI PERUGINA is a love story that has been lasting for over 90 years. Beginning in 1922, this is the story of a special kiss which has allowed millions of lovers to dream.

In the heart of Perugia, Italy, a young chocolatier was inspired to create a special dark chocolate and hazelnut sweet for her beloved. An unusual shaped chocolate was produced from a mixture of chocolate and hazelnuts that resembled a closed fist and for this reason the chocolate was originally called "cazzotto" or "punch"! But with a name like that, how could a chocolate become a symbol of love?

The taste and texture of the chocolate ravishes the senses and seduces you with its sweetness. Just like a kiss. And to better explain her love and the emotions she felt, she slipped a secret love note into each chocolate wrapper. The chocolate was named **Bacio** – Italian for 'Kiss'.

Today beneath the signature silver and blue foil, each rich, bittersweet **Baci** is still wrapped with a message of love and friendship. The filling of chopped hazelnut gianduja and luscious milk chocolate, completed with a perfect, whole hazelnut, is coated with velvety smooth dark chocolate. **That's amore!**

Baci Perugina are much more than just chocolates: they are a unique way of expressing your feelings. The secret of these chocolates is that they express what words cannot say - they speak the universal language of love; the most universal language of love. It's the Italian way to say ... **"I Love You"**.

Connie Canale - (Information courtesy of Baci Perugina site)

CARNEVALE

Carnevale e` il periodo di feste che precede la Quaresima, da sempre e` la festa dei bambini ma coinvolge anche gli adulti. Anzi, si potrebbe dire che e` un modo per i grandi di ritornare bambini, allegri e spensierati, approfittando di questi giorni per giustificare l'allegria e le stramberie che raggiungono i massimi livelli nella settimana della chiusura del Carnevale. www.carnevalemaschere.com

Carnevale, also known as Carnival or Mardi gras, is celebrated 40 days before Easter, a final party before Ash Wednesday and Lent. Carnevale is one of Italy's biggest festivals and events often last for two to three weeks. Many Italian towns celebrate carnevale the weekend before Shrove Tuesday, this year it falls on the 4th March. Each area has its own Carnevale celebration but two of the most famous are in Venice and Viareggio.

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