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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear members

We thank the Gold Coast City Council and Councillor Bob La Castra from Division 8 who have given the Dante a grant to purchase office equipment.

Our classes commence this month and I would like to thank our School Director, Rita Lo Presti, for the many phone calls and emails to check with returning students. I am sure that students will enjoy their classes with our excellent teachers. In the School News on page 2 there is a list of all classes running and the teacher for each class. You will see that there are some classes that are full. Any questions about the school should go to Rita. Her phone number is at the bottom of this page.

Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership. Your support is appreciated. Our Società Dante Alighieri was founded in Rome in 1889 and it is one of the world's most prestigious cultural and academic organisations. Can our non student members let me know what events you would like us to organise that you would be interested in attending. Thank you to our Sponsors.

La Festa della Befana was a big success with everyone attending having a great time. Thank you to Gerard Wilkes who sponsored "le calze" for La Befana to give to the children. Thank you Martina Medda for organising it and to helpers including Ester Ceron and Walter Antonucci.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on the 26th February. Details are on our website.



Cordiali saluti,

Giovanna Santomauro

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We are also on Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/dantegoldcoast/>

www.ladante.it/associati

(discounts in Italy for members)

DATE CLAIMERS 2018

2nd February - 1st Semester classes start

Monday 26th February 6.30 p.m. AGM

Easter holidays 30th March – 15th April

THE GOLD COAST

ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB

18 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters

Ph: 5575 1966

www.italoaustralianclub.com.au

**** NEW HOURS ****

LUNCH: Thursdays 11.30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Fridays 11.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

DINNER: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,

Friday and Saturday from 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY Smorgasbord

Music by FORTUNATO - \$38 p.p.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Course Dates for Semester 1 2018

Term 1 commences Monday 5 February
 (Friday morning classes start 2 February)
 Easter break-30 March – 15 April
 Term 2 commences- Tuesday 16 April
 Course concludes - 22 June

Refunds for classes

You are reminded about the terms and conditions at the Dante. The Dante cannot be held responsible for any changes in personal circumstances- no refunds will be given for these reasons.

Missed Classes

If you miss attending your regular class, you may attend the day or night class of the same or lower level in that week. Please contact me should this need to happen.

Children's classes

We have been advertising these but so far, we don't have the number for these to commence.

Private Classes

You may be interested in private classes. Please contact me for prices, and teacher availability.

Library Book returns

Some students still have outstanding library materials. Please return them as soon as possible.

Students' welcome

On Friday 16 March, we are organizing our Student Welcome. It will be called "La festa di Primavera". We are in the process of organizing a fun activity for all to participate in. More information coming soon but keep the date free.



Any questions - please call me-
55270797

Or Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com

Rita School Director

SCHOOL NEWS (Cont.)

2018 Semester 1 courses

After many phone calls and emails to students, finally the timetable has been finalised. There are some classes that were cancelled due to lack of numbers and some that were almost cancelled were reinstated due to late minute enrolments. Thank you all for your patience.

Timetable and enrolment form are available on the web. There are some classes that are full. Call me if you wish to attend any of the available classes.

We welcome the return of students from previous years to participate in our courses. Here are all the levels we have available-

<u>TIMESLOT</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
MONDAY 10 a.m.	Inter 2 Adv 2	Charlotte P. Martina M.
12.30 p.m.	Introduction	Charlotte P.
7.00 p.m.	Beginners 1 Adv 2	Martina M Giulia T.
TUESDAY 7 p.m.	Inter 1 FULL Beginners 2	Martina B Astrid P
WEDNESDAY 10 a.m.	LCS* FULL	Martina M
THURSDAY 7 p.m.	Introduction FULL Inter 3	Astrid P Giulia T.
FRIDAY 10 a.m.	Beginners 1 Beginners 2	Astrid P. Martina M.

* *Lingua, Cultura e Societa`*



LA BEFANA

Sabato 6 gennaio alla Festa della Befana hanno partecipato 31 bambini (dai 9 mesi ai 14 anni) e 30 adulti di diverse nazionalita': australiani, italiani, argentini, venezuelani, francesi...

L'evento ha creato un'ottima promozione per la scuola ed un grande interesse per possibili classi di bambini. A tutte le famiglie interessate e' stato dato un volantino con il numero di telefono di Rita.

Grazie infinite da parte mia per il prezioso aiuto a Giovanna, Giovanni, Ester e Walter.

Grazie a Gerard che ha donato \$50 per la spesa di calze, caramelle e cioccolatini per i bambini e per i genitori che hanno contribuito alla storia della Befana.

Martina Medda

The Befana has finally come!!

On the 6th of January the good witch left a surprise for all the Italian children to wake up to. Chocolate for the good children and coal for the naughty ones. To celebrate the arrival of the Befana the Dante held a little get together for all Italian students and families. They started off with reading the story of the Befana and then to finding the gifts she left behind for all the children. She was caught by the security camera breaking into the Dante rooms the night before. To finish off the afternoon everyone brought in food to share and children got busy with colouring in. As the day ended the Befana went back home to Italy to rest before next year.

Isabella Pierboni – 12 anni.



Elisa Pierboni, Sareena McDonald e Isabella Pierboni.

(More photos on our website)

MINI COURSES

What are Short Courses or Mini Courses?

In addition to the usual Semester One and Two courses there is the opportunity to participate in a short course in Italian. These courses are held during the winter and summer vacations and also on various occasions throughout the year.

Dante teachers provide different learning experiences. There are courses in conversation aimed at the beginner, the intermediate or the advanced level. Other courses present travel, cuisine or games integrated with study of the Italian language. And, of course, there are courses in various aspects of *Grammatica italiana*. Maybe you have missed a lesson or two and would like to catch up. Or you may need to revisit a particular topic to improve your knowledge and satisfaction. Here is the opportunity to accommodate your wishes.

Courses usually run in groups of two or three lessons. Each lesson is of two hours duration. Day and evening courses are available. You may attend all lessons of the course or whatever number suits you. Usually it is a better deal to attend the full course rather than attend an individual lesson.

If you wish to attend any of these courses you can jump (hate that word) online to book and pay for your course. Otherwise if computers are not your best friend then a call to Rita Lo Presti our School Director (07 5527 0797) would be an easy way to book and arrange payment for your course.

As well as having fun whilst learning Italian, a mini learning experience saves your brain from going into complete recession when the vacation arrives. *Pam Conway*



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STUDENTS' HINTS

When I was in Rome recently, there was a Hop on Hop Off bus ticket sales person nearby my hotel selling tickets. I showed him my Dante membership card & in my best Italian said I was a student all the way from Australia, so he instantly gave me 10% discount on my ticket. Therefore it is not necessary to book your ticket on line before leaving home. This has its disadvantages because there are several different companies operating, under the names of Red Bus, Blue Bus etc. They all just about offer the same tour & prices, but if you buy in advance you may find that the company that you booked with, their pick up spot may be far from your hotel on the other side of Rome. There are plenty of sales people dotted all over the place, & are very recognisable. It is important to make a note of the time your tour starts, that is when you board the bus, because they work on a 24 hr basis. So don't pay for your ticket at 9.00 am & not start the trip until 11.20am [I went & had a coffee] because your ticket will expire at 9.00am the following morning.

Try showing your Dante membership card at various venues e.g. museums art galleries, especially book shops when you are buying Italian grammar book, even some pharmacies are sympathetic when you try to speak to them in Italian. I must admit though it rather depends on a given person on a given day/ How Italian !

Susanna Konigsberg

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2018
 6.30 P.M. IN SALA BIANCA
 (NEXT TO DANTE CLASSROOMS)
 Nomination forms, 2017 AGM Minutes and
 further details are on our Website below:
[http://dantegoldcoast.com.au/agm-2018-
 committee-material#overlay-context=](http://dantegoldcoast.com.au/agm-2018-committee-material#overlay-context=)

LA PAGINA DELLA CULTURA

(A Cura di Connie Canale)

KNOW YOUR ITALIAN CHEESES (1)



PROVOLONE

No one knows exactly where this cheese originated but it was certainly among the earliest cheeses known by the Romans. The name can change in some areas due to shape – It can be spherical, pear-shaped, cylindrical, or plaited. The cheesemaker decides the shape and weight.

A Giganti (or monster) cheese is usually made for Trade Fairs displays and for special occasions, with some made to over 3 metres long. The most familiar sight is the sausage shape Provolone hanging by a cord in Delicatessens.

Dolce Provolone is aged for 2-3 months and is supple and smooth, with a thin waxed rind and is usually served as a table cheese.

Piccante Provolone is coagulated with rennet which gives it a strong bitey flavour. It is aged from 6 months to 2 years and is darker in colour with a hard rind and a strong spicy flavour. It is usually grated and used as a condiment.

E L'AMORE GUARDO' IL TEMPO E RISE

E l'amore guardò il tempo e rise,
 perchè sapeva di non averne bisogno.
 Finse di morire per un giorno,
 e di rifiorire alla sera,
 senza leggi da rispettare.
 Si addormentò in un angolo di cuore
 per un tempo che non esisteva.
 Fuggì senza allontanarsi,
 ritornò senza essere partito,
 il tempo moriva e lui restava.

LUIGI PIRANDELLO

TANTI AUGURI PER SAN VALENTINO





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Chi è Kerry? Kerry è moglie, madre, amante degli animali e di tutte le cose italiane. Mi piace essere occupata e ho appena iniziato un airBB ...sta andando molto bene.

Sei nata sulla Gold Coast? No, sono nata a Melbourne dove ho vissuto fino a ventidue anni. Mi sono trasferita a Sydney e finalmente alla Costa D'Oro dove ho vissuto per trent'anni.

Dove sei andata a scuola? Sono andata a scuola a Melbourne- andavo ad una scuola per ragazze (si chiama Fairbank), ma non ero contenta lì così ho cambiato diverse scuole e da ultimo frequentato la Scuola Secondaria di Hampton dove sono stata molto felice.

Hai bei ricordi della tua infanzia? Sì, ho ricordi molto belli della mia infanzia. Quello è stato il miglior tempo non complicato e stabile. Dopo scuola giocavo con gli altri bambini in strada e mi piaceva anche giocare con le mie bambole. Infatti ho ancora la mia prima bambola, chiamata Michela.

Come ti occupavi da teenager? Mi piaceva giocare a tennis e mi piaceva anche cantare. A sedici anni ho iniziato a cantare con un gruppo. Abbiamo partecipato a molti spettacoli in posti diversi. Ho sempre voluto essere una cantante famosa!

Ci parli del tuo lavoro? Ho fatto vari lavori, i miei preferiti sono stati televisione e radio. Ho cominciato a lavorare per la televisione a Melbourne quando avevo vent'anni. Il primo programma sul canale televisivo era chiamato "Tempo Ragazzo". Contemporaneamente facevo la modella e anche del teatro, che amavo moltissimo. Più tardi mi sono trasferita sulla Costa D'oro e ho lavorato per il canale 7 a Brisbane durante il giorno, dove mi occupavo di interviste, presentazioni di programmi e discussioni di film. Lavoravo anche alla radio 4GG, dalla -Mezzanotte all'Alba -come annunciatrice, quattro notti a settimana. Poi mi hanno offerto un lavoro a Newcastle alla NBN3 come *Mezzanotte Assistente al Nightowl Theatre*. Questo lavoro mi piaceva perché facevo ricerche e discussioni sui film. Nello stesso periodo conducevo una trasmissione chiamata *Kerry's Petworld* che era un programma televisivo simile a quello di oggi, *Harry's Practice*.

Successivamente sono stata al canale Radio 2MW sempre come annunciatrice del programma notturno *Mezzanotte all'Alba*. Ho partecipato ad altri spettacoli televisivi, sulla Costa D'oro.

L'ultimo lavoro è stato con Radio 94.1FM a Surfers Paradise. Ora faccio voce fuoricampo, voce per pubblicitari.

Studi italiano alla Dante Gold Coast con un piccolo gruppo di amici stretti, vero? Sì, vero. Imparo italiano da dieci anni alla Dante, e mi piace molto. Siamo un gruppo meraviglioso e la nostra amicizia è veramente speciale. Sono molto fortunata.

Dove hai incontrato il tuo compagno di vita? Ho incontrato mio marito a Sydney. Era un appuntamento al buio. Deve aver funzionato bene perché siamo sposati da trentotto anni!

Viaggiate molto insieme? Sì, tentiamo di viaggiare all'estero ogni anno, in particolare in Europa, e senz'altro nel mio posto preferito - la bell'Italia. Ci piace anche andare in crociera in luoghi diversi. L'anno scorso siamo andati in Sud America - è stato interessantissimo.

Se potresti dove vivresti? È facile rispondere. Ho sempre voluto vivere in Italia in una vecchia casa di pietra, con persiane e una vista incantevole. Forse in un paesino vicino al Lago di Como.

Come ti tieni in forma? Cammino molto e sto in piedi tutto il giorno, mi piace andare in bicicletta. Non mi piace andare in palestra.

Sei su un' isola deserta-cosa hai portato con te? Un bel libro ed una bottiglia di vino locale.

Secondo te, per vivere bene si dovrebbe....Aver buona salute, una famiglia felice, veri amici e un atteggiamento positivo verso la vita.

Completa: "Non potrei stare senza.....Amore

In un due parole: " La vita è... Un regalo speciale.

Luisa Liussi