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President's Letter

Dear members,

Welcome to our new members. I hope the new students enjoy their Italian experience. It is good to see many of our continuing students returning for a new semester. We welcome three new teachers. Francesca, Andrea and Giovanni.

Our next event will be the Amici della Dante lunch on Wednesday the 19th February, followed by our Welcome Function on Friday 21st February and our Annual General Meeting on Monday 24th February. Our Committee has worked hard over the last year to bring you a variety of cultural as well as social events. Our language school is the main focus of our Society as the aim of the Dante is the promotion of the Italian language and culture. Information about the Annual General Meeting is on our website. Thank you to our webmaster, Brian Bell, for putting all information on the web for you. Thank you to Martina Medda for informing you on our Facebook page and a big thank you to Rita Lo Presti for all the work organising classes and contacting students to confirm if classes have sufficient numbers to go ahead. I wish to thank all the wonderful committee members I have had the privilege and pleasure to have been working with.

We include some information about the Corona Virus in this newsletter.

Cordiali saluti,

Giovanna Santomauro



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DATE CLAIMERS

19TH February
Amici della Dante lunch

21st February 2020
Welcome function
La Bocce Vita

24th February
Dante AGM

25th February
Italian Film

25th March
Dantedì

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SCHOOL NEWS

Benvenuti alle classi alla Dante Gold Coast o... Ben tornati a quelli che hanno già frequentato le nostre classi.

We have had a great response to our classes this year and commence the year with approximately 120 students.

Over the summer break, we trialled our new **Italian for Travellers** course as the 18 week Introduction course has been phased out. We now have many new enrolments for our 8 week Italian for Travellers course for Term 1. These will run more often throughout the year. As always, we try to provide as many levels possible to cater for all.

We start the year with 3 new teachers- Giovanni Belfiore, Andrea Capone and Francesca Parato., a great gain to our teaching staff.

We have planned a fun Student's Welcome night – La Bocce è Bella. I hope you can get a team together and work out a team costume remembering that it is still Carnevale time so anything goes!!

If you have any suggestions for activities or courses, please let me know.

Spero che questo semestre sia prosperoso
Rita

Course Dates for Semester 1 2020

Semester 1

Monday 3 February-3 April

Easter break- 4 April – 26 April

Term 2 commences- Monday 27 April

Course concludes – Friday 26 June

Private Classes

Just a single class or multiple classes are available throughout the week. Please contact me if interested.

Student Welcome



venerdi 21 febbraio

6.30 onwards

Bring a plate to share

Soft drinks and bottled water on sale

BYO Wine

Get a team of 4 people together and pick a clever, smart, funny and catchy team name.

We are playing Bocce so the name of the team must include the word Bocce-

Eg. Bocce e Gabbana .. Boccissimo or Mission Imboccibile or The Bocce Father!!

Your team can dress up with matching T-shirts or wigs or hats etc in keeping with the Carnevale theme of dressing up.

Sign your team up in Aula 1

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

Or Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com

Rita

School Director

LEARNING ITALIAN IN ITALY

Please contact Rita or Giovanna if you would like information about schools in Italy offering discounts.

STUDENTS' PAGE

Dear students,

We would love to get feedback from you about any of the mini courses you attended during the Summer break. You can also share your Italy trip experiences and helpful hints. If you attended a school in Italy you can also share your story with other students and members.

During the summer break, in December and January, we had some mini courses running. Thank you to Martina Medda for organising these for different levels.

One of the mini courses had so many students that it was divided into two groups. Thank you to Giulia Torello-Hill for helping out with the extra students. She is in the first photo below. Giulia has been on our teaching team but is now teaching at the New England University in Armidale. We were lucky to have her help out as she was on holiday. It is always good to catch up with past teachers.



Friday morning Mini Course students with teacher Martina Medda.

Students from the new **Italian for Travellers** course went to lunch at the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club after the Friday morning class. Dante members who show their current Dante Membership card receive **10% discount** at the Italian Club restaurant, **Olivia Italian Eatery**. You can also practice your Italian with them. New teacher, Giovanni Belfiore, joined us.



Giovanni Belfiore, Giovanna Santomauro, Linda Lehmann, Judith McLaurin and Christine Webster.

THE ITALIAN TENORS
TWIN TOWNS SATURDAY 14TH MARCH
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Direct from Italy, returning in 2020 for their third Australian tour, **THE ITALIAN TENORS** are three of Europe's most successful operatic tenors. Audiences will see them once again combine their classical roots with Neapolitan songs and their own blend of Italian pop classics. This is a show that has become a **MUST-SEE** event for all who love the great arias of Puccini and Verdi, the Neapolitan standards of Caruso and Mario Merola and the melodious hits of San Remo.

NATIONAL DANTE DAY 25TH MARCH

A day dedicated to Dante Alighieri. The 25th March was, it is said, the day Dante Alighieri began his voyage into the other worlds of *La Divina Commedia*. This day, named "*Dantedì*" a day to remember, in Italy and the world, the genius of Dante through many initiatives in many schools and cultural institutions. Next year, 2021, will mark 700 years since Dante Alighieri's death. The celebrations will commemorate many things that unite us. Dante is the unity of the country, Dante is the Italian language, Dante is the idea of Italy. The proposal of a national day dedicated to Dante Alighieri other than being the object of a parliamentary act, brings together intellectuals, students and prestigious cultural institutions such as La Crusca, the Dante Alighieri Society and Italian associations.



Linda Maruca, Connie Canale, Ester Ceron, Roberta Colitti e Maria Ignarra dopo il film italiano.

INTERVISTA A ROBERTA COLITTI

Buongiorno Roberta, e` la prima volta che vieni a vedere un film italiano alla Dante?

Si. Non ho avuto occasione di venire prima. Adesso sono venuta, prima di tutto per stare in compagnia con delle buone amiche e secondo perche` ho sentito che fanno vedere dei bei film italiani. Ho trovato un ambiente piacevole e rilassante. Avrei piacere di venire spesso.

Ti è piaciuto il film? Molto. L'avevo già visto prima sull'aereo quando sono andata in Italia. L'ho apprezzato di più rivedendolo.

Che lavoro facevi in Italia quando eri piu` giovane? Facevo la microfilmista per la Kodak.

Da quanti anni abiti alla Gold Coast? 20 anni.

Sei sposata? Sono vedova.

Hai figli? Due. Stefano e Deborah.

Deborah non e` un tipico nome italiano. Perche` l'hai scelto? L'ho sentito la prima volta quando sono venuta in Australia. Mi è sempre piaciuto.

Cosa fai nel tuo tempo libero? Cucino, esco con le amiche, vado al gruppo del Co.As. It. il giovedì e mi piace curare le piante. Il mio balcone è pieno di piante.

Hai animali a casa? Ho due pappagallini perche` non posso avere altri animali nel mio appartamento.

Grazie. Buona giornata!

Giovanna Santomauro

IL PROSSIMO FILM ITALIANO SARA` PROIETTATO MARTEDI` 25 FEBBRAIO ALLE 9.30 A.M.

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Isabella – un’esperienza

Ciao! Mi chiamo Isabella. Sono una studente dell’università “Griffith” dove studio italiano e marketing. Questo è il mio ultimo anno di studio.

Sono stata alla Dante Gold Coast per un tirocinio per la mia laurea in italiano. Ho aiutato con qualche lavoro sul computer e ho aiutato a cambiare la copertina per la newsletter – spero che vi piaccia!

Perche la newsletter viene inviata solo una volta al mese, se volete rimanere aggiornati con le notizie, consultate la pagina Facebook o Instagram di Dante Gold Coast. C’è anche il sito web: www.dantegoldcoast.com.au

Voglio ringraziare la Dante Alighieri Gold Coast per questa opportunità. E’ stata un’esperienza straordinaria per migliorare il mio italiano in un ambiente di lavoro. Un ringraziamento speciale a Giovanna per essere stata paziente con me e per avermi aiutato.

Isabella



Quando inizia il Carnevale 2020?

Nella Chiesa cattolica la **Domenica di Settuagesima** è celebrata circa settanta giorni prima della Domenica di Pasqua e segna l’inizio del cosiddetto Tempo di Settuagesima (o **Tempo di Carnevale**), un periodo di preparazione alla Quaresima, in cui si inizia l’astinenza dalle carni nei giorni feriali. Per il 2020 pertanto l’inizio del Carnevale sarà il **09/02/2020**.

Quando finisce il Carnevale 2020?

Il Carnevale termina quaranta giorni prima della Domenica di Pasqua con il **Martedì Grasso**. Il giorno successivo, conosciuto come il **Mercoledì delle Ceneri** segna l’inizio della Quaresima, un periodo in cui i fedeli si astengono dal mangiare carne nei giorni feriali. Per il 2020 pertanto il Carnevale finisce il **25/02/2020**.

Le signore che sono venute al pranzo degli Amici della Dante a gennaio. Tutti sono benvenuti.



NEXT AMICI DELLA DANTE LUNCH WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (Information in English on attached sheet)

Alla luce della recente e preoccupante epidemia causata dal 2019 Novel Coronavirus, ed alla sua rapida diffusione, la Dante Alighieri Gold Coast ha deciso di uniformarsi ai comunicati trasmessi dal ministero della salute ed invita i suoi studenti, soci ed insegnanti ad astenersi dalla partecipazione in classe, riunioni o attività' sociali in caso di febbre, tosse, raffreddore o malessere generale. Per gli studenti che dovessero perdere delle classi per motivi di salute dal Corona Virus, si prega di darne tempestiva notizia alla sottoscritta o a Rita così' da poter organizzare dei make up class una volta guariti. Confidiamo nella vostra partecipazione.

Giovanna Santomauro

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