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President's Letter

Dear members

Welcome to all our new members. Thank you to past members for your support by renewing your membership. As you can understand we are unable to plan social or cultural events at this stage but we are fortunate to be able to have our Italian language classes that are run following Covid safe rules.

Thank you to Rita and teachers for your dedication to our students and classes. I hope all students have a good Italian learning experience and that all new students enjoy their first step of learning Italian.

On this page is the photo of Andrea Riccardi, the President of our Sede Centrale (Dante headquarters in Rome) who talks about investing in the Italian language to help the country. If you can't open the article you can go on their web site: <https://ladante.it/>

The Gold Coast Home of the Arts has been screening films about famous Italians. They recently screened Modigliani and later this month they are showing a Fellini film.

If you have any information you can share with us and other members about Italian events or anything you think may be interesting to Italian students please email it to me on : gianna52@hotmail.com

We will be having our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 3rd March. Please let us know if you will be attending.

cordiali saluti,

Giovanna Santomauro

Investire sull'italiano per rilanciare il Paese, di Andrea Riccardi

Nel Recovery non c'è nessun sostegno alla nostra lingua, una delle prime studiate al mondo. Un'ottima leva di sviluppo, fondamentale per la ripresa

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DATE CLAIMERS

February

Classes resume

Hota film

1st - 18th

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SCHOOL NEWS

Dalla Direttrice dei corsi alla Dante, Gold Coast

Cari Studenti,

Benvenuti to the Società Dante Alighieri, Gold Coast Italian Classes. We welcome back continuing students and extend a special welcome to our new students.

The Gold Coast Dante Alighieri Society commenced 32 years ago with the assistance of the Brisbane Dante Alighieri Society which has been operating for over 60 years. Dante Alighieri's head office (Sede Centrale) is in Piazza Firenze 27, Rome. There are many Dante Societies throughout Australia, mainly in capital cities. In Queensland there are Dante Societies in Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane and the Gold Coast. The main aim of the society is the diffusion of the Italian language and culture.

We have been operating in our rooms, at the rear of the Gold Coast Italo-Australian Club for the past twenty years. Our classes have grown in size and we are able to provide a wide range of classes- group and private, mini courses and a variety of cultural activities eg. film and special seminars/ presentations to social activities eg. Car rally, picnics and special themed nights.

The man, Dante Alighieri

He was born in Florence in 1265. He studied philosophy, history, physics and other sciences. Due to political problems, he had to leave his family and friends and move from city to city staying with rich Italian families. He didn't return to his beloved Florence but died in 1321 far from dear ones. His most well-known literature was the Divine Comedy, 'La Divina Commedia'. In his works, he imagines himself on a voyage through the worlds of the dead, hell, purgatory and heaven. He is said to have been instrumental in writing for the common people the language they were speaking, not Latin which was for the rich.

Our School

The Library-We have a good collection of readers, non-fiction, tourist brochures, CDs and DVDs. Borrowing times are usually 2 weeks. Unfortunately, due to Covid, no borrowing is permitted until notified.

Fees -Thankyou to all who took advantage of early bird and to all who are already paid up for the semester. Any unpaid amounts should be paid by the end of Week 2.

Annual General Meeting 6 p.m. Wednesday 3rd March in Dante rooms. All welcome. Come meet the committee for 2021.

Tea/ Coffee Break - Regular 2 hour classes have a 10 min tea/coffee break. Again, due to Covid and rules relating to social distancing, there will be no tea/coffee facilities. Bottled water is on sale for \$1. You are permitted to bring your own thermos of hot or cold drink from home. Please use the Dante courtyard should you want to get some fresh air during the break.

Internet and internet sites -The Dante is in the process of changing over to NBN however it is proving to be a long and difficult exercise. We are still without internet but hope to have it back on soon.

If you know of any good useful sites, let me know. I'll publish them in the Dante Newsletter.

Dante Newsletter -This comes out once a month and you will be receiving it by email. It lets you know of upcoming activities and other interesting Italian news. It is important that you read the parts that are important to you.

If you would like to contribute to it, pass on the article to Giovanna or myself.

Any queries or problems, please contact me on 55 270 797 or email me on

Have a good semester,

Buon lavoro e studio,

Rita (School Director)

PAGINA DEGLI STUDENTI

**Papa LEONE X
prima conosciuto come Giovanni de` Medici)**

Leone X nacque l'11 dicembre 1475 e morì il primo dicembre 1521. Alla nascita si chiamava Giovanni de' Medici ed era il secondo figlio di Lorenzo il Magnifico, il capo della Repubblica Fiorentina e un membro della famosa famiglia dei Medici. Leone X era uno dei papi più famosi del Rinascimento italiano e fece di Roma una potenza sia culturalmente che politicamente. Però Leo non era un buon "manager finanziario" ed esaurì i fondi pubblici romani. Questa azione, insieme alla sua inabilità a trattare con Martin Lutero, contribuì alla dissoluzione della Chiesa cattolica occidentale. Leone X, dieci mesi prima di morire, nel gennaio del 1521, scomunicò Lutero.

Nel 1494 la famiglia Pazzi bandì i Medici per tradire la Repubblica di Firenze ma Giovanni de' Medici aiutò la famiglia a riprendersi il potere a Firenze. Nel 1500, dopo la morte di Piero de' Medici (suo fratello,) Giovanni diventò il capo della famiglia dei Medici e dal 1512 ristabilì a Firenze, l'autorità dei Medici.

Nel 1513, Il Sacro Collegio dei Cardinali decise di eleggere Giovanni de' Medici come nuovo Papa dopo la morte di Papa Giuglio II. Giovanni non era ancora sacerdote e di conseguenza fu consacrato prete l'11 marzo 1513 e arcivescovo il 15 marzo. Il 17 marzo 1513 Giovanni assunse il nome di Leone X e divenne Papa.

Leone X continuò la costruzione, a ritmo più veloce, della Basilica di San Pietro, aumentò i beni della Biblioteca Vaticana ed incoraggiò l'arte. La santità del papato è restaurata in parte.

Leone spese molti soldi della Chiesa cattolica e anche i suoi soldi. Quando morì, lasciò la Chiesa in una posizione non sicura finanziariamente. Inoltre a quell'epoca l'Europa era nei guai politicamente e religiosamente.

Quest'articolo è solo un sommario della vita di Leone X, la cui vita e storia sono molto interessanti.

Gerard Wilkes
(LCS mercoledì mattina)

2021 Teachers

We welcome back Luisa Liussi, Andrea Capone, Francesca Parato, Charlotte Petrucci and Martina Medda



Our first students for 2021 Monday morning Intermediate 3 and Advanced 2 with teachers Charlotte Petrucci and Martina Medda.



Please do not come to class if you are ill!!

Students who miss classes because of the Corona Virus can contact Rita about make up classes. Students are also reminded that regardless of the type of virus, at any time that a student is unwell with fever, cough, fatigue, sore throat or headache, they should not attend classes, as that puts other students and teachers at risk.

Thank you for your understanding.

GRAZIE* * GRAZIE * *GRAZIE

Students are greeted by an immaculate Piazza Dante with flourishing plants. They can sit and relax at the tables or on the lounge while waiting for the classrooms to be opened. Thank you to our member Ester Ceron who has provided and been maintaining our plants over the last year. We may have been having remote classes with Zoom but the plants still needed to be maintained. Thank you Ester for your generosity and time.



CARNEVALE

Most of the famous *Carnevale* events in Italy and other parts of the world have been suspended because of the current situation. Some are planning to celebrate it later this year, about the end of Summer in Italy. There will be many memories of past *Carnevale* celebrations you can find online.

2021 ANNO DANTESCO - 700mo Anniversario Dantesco

2021 is the year that we celebrate the 700th Anniversary of the death of Dante Alighieri. There are many events being planned world-wide and some may be available to see online. More information as we get it.

ANGOLO DELLA CULTURA

*AUGURI A TUTTI GLI
INNAMORATI
SAN VALENTINO
14 FEBBRAIO*



Farò della mia anima uno scrigno per la tua anima,
Del mio cuore una dimora per la tua bellezza,
Del mio petto un sepolcro per le tue pene.
Ti amerò come le praterie amano la primavera,
e vivrò in te la vita di un fiore sotto i raggi del sole.
Canterò il tuo nome come la valle canta l'eco delle
campane.
Ascolterò il linguaggio della tua anima come la
spiaggia
ascolta la storia delle onde.

~ Kahlil Gibran ~

Gold Coast Home of the Arts

You may be interested in seeing the film "Fellini of the Spirits", It's a documentary about the life of Federico Fellini (film director and screen writer) to celebrate his centenary. At this point screening will commence from 13th February. Phone 55884000 or go online to: www.hota.com.au to check on dates and screening times.

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