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## President's Letter

Dear members,

I hope you are keeping well. As you can see this edition of the newsletter covers March and April. Any other new information will be sent by email.

It was great to see the new students' enthusiasm at the welcome function. They really got into the spirit of costume and great names for the Bocce teams. Thank you to students who sent in articles for this newsletter. I always appreciate your contributions. If you have any travel or study tips please share.

Please read the information contained in other parts of the newsletter. Don't forget to show your Dante card to receive discounts at the Saamarias Continental Bakery and at the Olivia Italian Eatery.

Thank you to our webmaster, Brian Bell, for sending out the survey for future events and Connie Canale for her page on Easter (*Pasqua*)

I wish you and your loved ones a peaceful Easter.

Cordiali saluti

*Giovanna*



### 2020 DANTE COMMITTEE

After our AGM on the 24<sup>th</sup> February the new committee is as follows:

(sitting) Gerard Wilkes (Treasurer) Giovanna Santomauro (President) Gino Moro (Vice President) Anna Domaneschi (Secretary) Other committee members (standing) Martina Medda, Mark Hayward, Walter Antonucci, Connie Canale, Brian Bell, Judith Roberts and Rita Lo Presti.

## DATE CLAIMERS

*18<sup>th</sup> March*  
*Amici della Dante lunch*

*25<sup>th</sup> March – Dantedí*

*3<sup>rd</sup> April – End of Term 1*

*27<sup>th</sup> April – Start Term 2*

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## SCHOOL NEWS

We are flying through our first term and can say most classes have settled well.

We had an excellent time at the Students' welcome. Thank you to all who attended and a *grande* thank you for the effort you made with team names and costumes. A great social night!!

### Corona Virus

We are all aware of this infectious disease slowly spreading throughout the world. We have already had a teacher and several students who have self-quarantined themselves after returning from Italy or dealing with family that have returned from Italy. It is for this reason that we will not offer Easter mini courses this time, as we do not know what the future and the spread of this disease will bring.

Please keep in mind, we may have to cancel our regular classes too if the situation worsens. We will keep you informed on all of this, if and when we need to make those decisions.

### Sickness

We are slowly approaching the cold and flu season. If you are too sick to attend, please email the teacher and ask for work that you can catch up on.

### An evening to find out about Italian language Schools in Italy

We are presently trying to organize an evening for students who have studied Italian in Italy to share their experiences. The evening is likely to be in late April or May. We will confirm this event on the whiteboard in Aula 1 and by email.

### Course Dates for Semester 1 2020 Semester 1

Term 1- Mon 3 Feb-3 April

Easter break- 4 April – 26 April

Term 2 commences- Monday 27 April

Course concludes – Friday 26 June

*If you have any questions or concerns-  
please call me on 55270797  
Or Email- [info@dantegoldcoast.com](mailto:info@dantegoldcoast.com)*

*Rita School Director*

## Student Welcome Night



**Rita Lo Presti and Giovanna Santomauro**

### **PLAY BOCCE JUST ONE TIME AND WE GUARANTEE YOU'LL BE HOOKED.**

**“Family, Fun , Friendship and Fitness”**

This was a challenge not to be missed. We of the Advanced Cultural Class hastily gathered our senior moment wits to prepare for this event. Bocce on!! We (the older/elder/senior) would show the new intake of students what it is like to be Italian. We entered the arena under the name of ZERO ZERO BOCCE in our triumphal disguise of “Boss” look, wearing dark glasses, jaunty hats and laden with heavy gold chains. Oh what a night!! With our adrenalin pumping and our creaking knees scraping the ground - we played like “the Boss” and we won.

We finished the night enjoying the beautiful spread of Italian food and drink supplied by all participants. A big thank you to the support of my team members Brian and Wendy Bell and Hughette Grenon-Rutherford, who so willingly contributed their precious time to this charade to make a memorable night.

*Delia Piccoli*

### **Winners of the best name: ZERO ZERO BOCCE**



STUDENTS' PAGE**Winners of best costume: SONS OF BOCCE**

Kerry, Don, Adam and I came together as team "Sons of Bocce". None of us had played Bocce before and playing as part of our Italian learning experience seemed like a fun way to practice and meet new friends. We dressed in our wigs and painted moustaches which added to the spirit of *Carnevale*. Our opponents on the bocce court were "Zero Zero Bocce". Our teachers were very patient while we learnt how to play this wonderful game. Sons of Bocce started with a strong lead, however Zero Zero Bocce won the evening. Lots of laughs were had through the night. The highlight was our team winning the best costume prize and Giovanna's tiramisu. *Maria Koulouris*

**Highly Commended: Dress and Name:  
BOCCE BANDITS**

A fun filled evening of bocce and beautiful people at the Dante school. We the **Bocce Bandits** chose the colours of The Italian flag, for our red, green and white outfits, with red wigs and tutus for the girls and our Frank wore a red tie and braces with a green bandana. Let's do it again soon.

*Christine Webster*

CLASSE PRIVATA

For various reasons the class which we attended at Dante suddenly disintegrated, and to find another class for the 3 of us left to fit into was impossible. Martina pointed out the possibility of a shared private class, and Louise, Alexa and myself decided to share the cost of a 2 hour private class.

Since starting this class Alexa's business commitments have seen her also leave Dante altogether, however by reducing the class from 2 hours to 1-3/4 hours has meant that Louisa and myself have been able to continue without any extra cost to us.

Of course the disadvantage of a private class means it is not as sociable as a large class, but the advantage of progressing much faster far outweighs the disadvantage.

Dante will do their utmost to fulfil all your needs, so if you feel you are struggling in your present class or above the standard then consider a private or shared private class as it may well be more beneficial. *Roger Spang*



**Martina with Roger and Louise**

Don't forget Dante members receive **10% discount** at **Olivia Italian Eatery** at the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club when you show your current Dante card. A good opportunity to speak Italian before and after classes.

***Beginners' 1 students at lunch with Giovanna***



**Christine, Giovanna, Frank, Hannah and Amy**



**Connie Canale, Graziella D'Adderio, Lina Zaccaria, Giovanna Santomauro, Maria Ignarra, Vilma Andriani, Ester Ceron, Grazia Campisi, Roberta Colitti, Linda Maruca e Delfina Bettega.**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February we had an Italian film morning. The ladies brought some wonderful food to share for lunch following the film. No date yet for next film.



***Martina Medda and Connie Canale***



***Dante committee ladies serve tiramisu`***



***Judy Roberts and Life member Tony Carnovale***

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**DANTE CORO**



Would you like to practice your Italian, make new friends and have a laugh? Come and join us every Tuesday night at 5:45 in the white room next to the courtyard. We sing songs in Italian (and a few in English) but you don't need to be able to sing it's purely for fun! We perform regularly for the folks next door at COASIT which is always a feel good experience. All Welcome!



Thank you to our member Ester Ceron for looking after the plants in Piazza Dante and donating the new plants.



**THE ITALIAN TENORS**

**TWIN TOWNS  
SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
twintowns.com.au**

**THE GOLD COAST ITALO  
AUSTRALIAN CLUB**

**Olivia Italian Eatery** is now open from Wed to Friday for lunch and dinner and on Saturday for dinner. The Gold Coast Italo Australian Club will be increasing opening days/hours in the future. In the meantime we encourage you to treat yourself and come and experience something from their menu. You will not be disappointed!

**4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL DINNER DANCE**

**For further information please contact the Club on 55751966**

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**This is a March/April edition of the Newsletter so we wish you a *Happy Easter***



**NEXT AMICI DELLA DANTE LUNCH WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**



**Amici Della Dante Incontro Wednesday 18 March from 12.00 noon Italo Australia Club Invite a friend for lunch or coffee and cake. Last month was Ester’s birthday and she shared a delicious cake to celebrate. Buon Viaggio Giovanna we will miss you. To all our regulars and new friends benvenuti!**

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*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.*

Members are reminded that regardless of the type of virus, at any time that a you are unwell with fever, cough, fatigue, sore throat or headache, you should not attend activities, as that puts other members at risk.

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