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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear members

I hope you all had a good Easter. From the photos I saw on Facebook everyone had a great time at their last classes having the traditional "Colomba", hot cross buns and Easter egg hunts. There are only a few photos on *Pagina 6*.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition of the Newsletter. Thank you to Deanna Nott for her **Student Travels and Tips**. She has her last story in this edition. We look forward to other members sending us their Travel Tips.

Our last social event was the afternoon with author Marisa Piergiovanni Parker. The next social event will be the celebration of Dante Gold Coast 's 30th Anniversary. It will be a special occasion as we will also be celebrating the 73rd year of the Italian Republic at a dinner dance at the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club on the 8th June with special guest Italian Consul for Qld. & N.T. Dott. Salvatore Napolitano.

Thank you to the teachers who offered mini courses during the Easter break. I heard that everyone enjoyed them. Just a few of the photos are on *Pagina 4*. Second term of Italian courses started this week. Welcome back to all students.

Connie has had two cancellations for the Opera matinee. Please contact her if you or anyone you know may be interested in them.

The next *Amici della Dante* lunch will be on 15th May.

Cordiali saluti

Cav. Giovanna Santomauro



Marisa Parker with some of the Dante members present.

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We are also on Instagram

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

DATE CLAIMERS

8th June

Festa della Repubblica and
30th Anniversary celebration

22nd June – Opera "Tosca"

1.30 p.m. QPAC – 2 tickets available

THE GOLD COAST

ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB

18 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters

Ph: 5575 1966 /0499074910

<http://italoaustralianclub.com.au/events/>

Lunch – Wed. Thurs. Fri. 11.30a.m. - 2.30p.m.

Dinner – Wed. to Sat. 5.30p.m. - 9 p.m.

Please phone Club for information and bookings.

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SCHOOL NEWS

I hope you had a peaceful and holy Easter. Thank you to Martina with all her work in preparing and taking the mini courses. It is great to see that there is interest in the extra Italian classes over the break.

Course Dates for Semester 1 Term 2

Term 2 commenced - Monday 29th April

Course concludes – Friday 28th June

That same night will be the Students' End of Semester dinner and certificates presentation. (More details next newsletter)

June/ July break-29th June to 14th July- 2 weeks

Early bird Special price for Semester 2 finishes Thursday 27th June. (See website for more details.)

Enrolment dates for Semester 2 in our rooms

Tuesday 2nd July 5.00 – 7.00 pm only

Public Holiday- Please Note!!!!

Labour Day Monday 6th May changes:

*Charlotte's Morning class will be held first week of holidays in June (students to be reminded)

*Martina's Morning class will be on Thursday 9th May at 10.00am

*Evening classes will begin at **6.30pm** instead of 7pm. just for that night.

Scambio dei Libri- Book Exchange

Don't forget we have a special section in our library which contains English novels set in Italy or related to Italy. If you take one of these books, it does not need to be recorded however, it is a book exchange. Either please return the book once finished or replace it with another similar type book based on Italy.

The cupboard is in Aula 1 near the front whiteboard.

*If you have any questions or concerns-
please call me on 55270797
Or Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com*

Rita School Director

PAPASSINI BISCUITS (recipe online)

A little background for the biscuits. We went to Inverell just after Christmas for a few days to visit the parents of our son Paul's fiancée. They came from Sardegna nearly 50 years ago but still have a lot of family there, some of whom we met last year on our visit. Back to the biscuits. Maria made these biscuits and I loved them. Some were plain and some had icing and hundreds and thousands - Maria explained that the plain ones were usually for the adults but I preferred the decorated ones, which were for the children.

She couldn't find the recipe to give me and we forgot about it later BUT she did tell me that they have a light aniseed flavour and she didn't have any fennel seeds and used some ouzo. When I returned home I found a recipe in my Sardinian Cookbook but it didn't mention the aniseed. It is the recipe I will give you but with a little modification using the recipe I found using Google from The Italian Cookbook. So you need to google (for more background and to see why I made the alteration to the recipe I used)"Recipe for Papassini". It is the first one.

I used 2-3 Tablespoons of fennel seeds and lightly ground about half of them. For the candied orange I bought a packet of candied peel from the baking section of the supermarket and lightly chopped it. I also chopped the almonds just a little. For the glaze I would not add that much lemon juice at once but gradually until it is the right consistency, runny but not too much. It says it makes 22 pieces but I found the mixture made a lot more than that but maybe that was my wonky cutting of the 'diamonds'. The google recipe mentions sizes but I cut mine to a size I remembered from Maria's biscuits.



Carlina Condon

STUDENTS' PAGE

Che bel lancio!! Allontanarsi dal pallino!!! For something different, the Società Dante Alighieri Gold Coast had its 2019 Welcome Function, combining camaraderie, good food and bocce! This was the first time we have held a bocce night.

On Friday 1st March approximately 50 students, families, friends of Dante, teachers and committee members combined to celebrate the start of a new academic year at Dante. The willing band of helpers had decked out the Piazza with tables containing fabulous antipasti. Rita's husband Werner and her son Joseph were in charge of the catering. They served up the most beautiful salsiccie and porchetta, served on panini with lots of salad. The crackling on the porchetta was outstanding. The fact that there were zero leftovers was testament as to how good it was. For dessert we had Giovanna's legendary tiramisù. One of the diners at my table had four helpings as it was so good.

So after much chatting, eating (and drinking) Astrid and Rita organised us into teams for the bocce. Many may not know, but in the big shed beside our classrooms is a massive indoor bocce field. The volunteers had decked it out with party lights and disco music. Luisa was charged with educating us with regard to the rules and equipping us with some suitable Italian sayings to chant out at appropriate times. The ones that are printable included: *Che bel lancio!!* (what a great throw) and *Allontanarsi dal pallino!!!* (get away from the little ball – the jack). Everyone joined in with gusto and it was great fun. The big shed has large shutters that when opened overlook Surfers Paradise at night. Seeing Surfers through the drizzly rain with disco lights and disco music was *favolosa*.

Each team of two was scored according to how close they were able to get to the jack ball. I seemed to be good at dislodging other people's bocce from the court, but never got close to the jack. My wife Wendy and I learned that there is a new meaning for "doppio zero" – our score the evening.

I hope that Dante has another bocce night, as the food, the company and the bocce were fantastic. Photos of the night can be seen on our website:

<http://dantegoldcoast.com.au/sites/default/files/Photos/Welcome%20Function%202019/LR%20Exports/index.html>

Brian Bell

Ecco il commento al film "Quanto Basta" (As needed) di Vickie Mckeown

Il film inizia con il nostro protagonista Arturo, chef stellato Michelin con problemi di gestione della rabbia. Arturo e' stato infatti condannato per aggressione e condannato poi al servizio civile in un centro per ragazzi con diverse forme di autismo. Qui Arturo lavora con Guido, un ragazzo di talento affetto dalla Sindrome di Asperger.

Arturo e Guido condividono una passione: la cucina. Così comincia a svilupparsi il legame tra i due. Guido insiste affinché Arturo sia il suo mentore in una gara di cucina in Toscana. Arturo accetta di malavoglia ma il viaggio insieme svilupperà la loro amicizia e sarà anche una lezione di vita che l'uno imparerà dall'altro.

Un bel film incentrato su un tema che Arturo applica alla cucina cioè l'importanza di valorizzare le cose semplici della vita: "Il mondo ha più bisogno di un perfetto spaghetti al pomodoro che di un branzino al cioccolato".

4,5 stelle da me!

Slow Italian – Fast Learning: As you probably know, SBS Radio has daily podcasts in Italian. There are apps for both iPhone and Androids so that they automatically download each day and you can then listen to them in the car, when you are working out or whenever. I find the podcasts really helpful. I certainly don't understand every word that is said, but it lets me learn about the rhythm of the language and the pronunciations. It certainly helps me consolidate my knowledge and I learn new things every day.

One fairly recent addition to the SBS podcasts is a weekly segment called: "Slow Italian – Fast Learning". It is an acknowledgement that for beginners, the speed at which Italians speak can be quite daunting. The segments only go for approximately 5 minutes. On the site, there is a short explanation of the article, both in English and in Italian. I would recommend it to all of my fellow students. The site can be found at:

<http://www.sbs.com.au/yourlanguage/italian/slow-italian-fast-learning>

Brian B

LIBRARY

In the photo on the right are Dante Librarian Yen Musgrove with author Marisa Piergiovanni Parker and President Cav. Giovanna Santomauro. We would like to thank Marisa Piergiovanni Parker for the interesting talk and slide show about her two books and for donating them to the Dante Library. These are available for our members to borrow. Congratulations Marisa, on your prestigious literary award.



MINI COURSES – Nerida Cooper (Beginners 3) I attended 2 fantastic mini courses during the Easter break.

Cooking with Charlotte -It wasn't about cooking a dish together; it was much better than that! We all had to bring a plate of goodies we had prepared earlier. And then we took it in turns to explain the recipe in Italian. The process of converting my Crostata con Marmellata di Prugne recipe into Italian was a fantastic exercise. It was a great way to learn new words and revise those I should actually remember! Having fellow students attend of different levels is great too and we always learn from each other. The links given to Italian cooking websites and You Tubes are priceless. Everyone would value from attending this class – thanks, Charlotte.

“Laboratorio di grammatica e conversazione. Corso intensivo” with Martina - These 2 classes were fantastic - two and a half hour sessions being immersed in grammar and conversation. What I don't know about 'piace' isn't worth knowing! I love the way we bounce off each other with ideas, new words and new ways to say things. At the end of just two mere classes, I am excited to have learnt so much more. Thanks, Martina - your enthusiasm and energy is infectious.



STUDENT TRAVELS AND TIPS**CULTURE, FASHION AND CATHOLIC HISTORY COLLIDE IN MILANO****BY DEANNA NOTT**

I'm finally coming to the end of my 2018 Italian adventure. Like all my pieces, I would like to pass on my top tips for Milano and its surrounds.

Serravalle As we finished our beautiful stay in the Lake Como area, we popped in our hire car and drove beyond Milano to a shopper's delight called Serravalle. <https://www.mcarthurglen.com/en/outlets/it/designer-outlet-serravalle/>

If you appreciate luxury brands, and would prefer to purchase items at a fraction of the original cost, it is worth the journey to Serravalle. I kept saying to my husband and children that God had brought me to the shopping centre. They thought it was rather hilarious but I know that I was meant to go there!! We had allocated about three hours... we ended up spending seven hours! The draw of Gucci, Prada, Dolce e Gabbana, Armani, Moschino, La Perla and so on, meant that my credit card was experiencing troppo lavoro! I can highly recommend this place and insist you put a day aside in your itinerary to make the journey to this gem.

Accommodation We found the ultimate place to stay if you are heading to this city of business, fashion and culture. In fact, I would argue it was the best apartment of our whole trip from a location and views perspective. That's a big wrap given we stayed in some spectacular places along the way. As a Roman Catholic, having the opportunity to look out of my bedroom window onto what I consider to be one of the most beautiful duomos in the world, was a truly moving experience. The place? We selected the Duomo One Bedroom inside the Glamour Apartments of Milan - <https://www.glamour-apartments.com/> Two full marble bathrooms, a stunning bedroom for us and spacious separate room for our children with two single beds. It even had a kitchenette. But the view - words cannot really describe the splendour of the Duomo.

Tour of Duomo Di Milano If we had more time we would have spent so much longer in the Duomo. I have been through it before, but I had wished I could have taken the children atop this spectacular example of Gothic architecture with its 3,400 statues and 55 stained glass windows! While you can easily buy your basic tickets here <https://www.duomomilano.it/en/buy-tickets/> I suggest you book a guided tour <https://www.duomomilano.it/en/infopage/individual-tours/77/>. We will be doing that next time!

Guided Walking Tour of Milan including The Last Supper My next recommendation for you is the Best of Milan tour with Veditalia. It is absolutely essential that you book, and it is worth every cent. To have the opportunity to virtually privately view The Last Supper is something that will remain with me forever. As it states in the itinerary, you can see the Best of Milan in just three hours, including Da Vinci's Last Supper and Santa Maria delle Grazie Church, Sforza Castle, Mercanti Square, La Scala Theatre (outside), Vittorio Emanuele II Gallery, before finishing the tour at the Duomo. Here is the link <https://www.veditalia.com/tours/best-of-milan-last-supper/> When I return to Italia, I will be using Veditalia more often...I really liked the guide we had in Milan, the small group and the comprehensive nature of the tour.

Finally, I would recommend spending time in the piazza in front of the Duomo and its surrounds. Pop into Campari for a late afternoon aperitive, shop at the stella boutiques in Vittorio Emanuele II, take a few back streets to find the 'out of the way' eateries, and just take beautiful people of Milano.

I hope you have enjoyed reading about our time in Italy in 2018. We had planned to return in June but it is likely to be delayed until 2020. Until then, arrivederci and grazie mille. If you can take over this column with stories of your recent trips to Italy, please contact Giovanna or myself : Deanna@wingspr.com.au

VENICE WITH LUISA New dates are in **2020***
OCTOBER 16 - NOVEMBER 01



www.venicewithluisa.com

***Due to changed circumstances the 2019 *soggiorno* is cancelled. Please check VWL website for updates. Grazie.**

Monday night students



Friday morning students



Students celebrated the coming Easter season by eating the Italian Easter cake “Colomba,” and hot cross buns, drawing some beautiful Easter cards and hunting for Easter eggs.

SOCIAL & CULTURAL NEWS

FRIDAY, 24TH MAY 7.30 p.m.

10 TENORS - at HOTA Gold Coast
Singing opera and contemporary songs.
Cost: “A” Reserve \$95.00. “B” Reserve \$85.00. Anyone interested can book directly with HOTA – 5588 4000

SATURDAY, 8TH JUNE

7 p.m. Italy’s National Day and 30TH Anniversary Dinner Celebration at G.C.I.A.C.

SATURDAY, 22ND JUNE 1.30 p.m.

Opera “TOSCA” matinee session

Join the Gold Coast Dante Alighieri Society group at the **LYRIC THEATRE, QPAC, BRISBANE**

Cost: Dante group price: “B” Reserve \$105.00

2 tickets have become available. Payment upon booking with Connie Canale
ccanale25@hotmail.com
or call 1 0428155515

AMICI DELLA DANTE LUNCH

Next “Amici della Dante” lunch will be on Wednesday 15th May at noon at the G.C.I.A.C. All welcome.



Wednesday morning students