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Societa` Dante Alighieri Gold Coast
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear members

Hope you had a good Easter and that students had a good break and looking forward to the last part of this 1st Semester. Please check out our web site regularly for any last minute notices.

The 25th April marked a special day for us, ANZAC day, while in Italy it marked "Liberation Day" The next public holiday in Italy will be the 2nd June to celebrate Italy becoming a Republic on 2nd June 1946. (check out their website). This year for Italy's National Day I will be in Rome. I'm looking forward to seeing the celebration in Italy's Capital City.

The 10th May is the start of the 2012 Italy Cultural Tour in the southern part of Italy and Sicily. Our group is made up of students and friends of the Dante. We will be going to Campania, Puglia, Calabria and Sicilia. If I am near an internet point – and if I have spare time I will email news. Will put some news in the next newsletter to let you know how it went and to give you some tips for when you are planning your own trips. We thank Brian Bell for his tips (insert page) and welcome tips from members about their Italian experiences – holiday or study.

I will also be away for Mother's Day and take this opportunity to wish all the mothers a wonderful day. Hope you get spoiled on your special day.

The Gold Coast Italo Australian Club is organising a Mother's Day lunch as well as a Dinner Dance to celebrate Italy's National Day. I encourage you to attend these and remind you to book early.

Thank you to the rest of the committee who is working hard to keep everything running smoothly, especially to our school director, Rita, and to all the teachers.

Cordiali saluti

Giovanna

AUGURI A TUTTE LE MAMME *Domenica 13 maggio*

COMING EVENTS

2nd JUNE – ITALY'S NATIONAL DAY
www.festadellarepubblica.it

22ND JUNE – END OF 2ND TERM

22nd JUNE - END OF TERM DINNER

28th JUNE – ENROLMENT
2nd Semester Italian Classes
9 a.m. – 12 noon & 3.00p.m. -6.30 p.m.

SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
OPERA NIGHT - CARMEN

ATTENTION OPERA LOVERS:

Join the Dante Alighieri Society to come and see 'CARMEN' by Georges Bizet (sung in French) Lead singers: Kirstin Chavez & Konstantin Andreyev.

Sat. 3rd Nov. 2012, Lyric Theatre, South Bank. Cost: "A" Reserve - \$124.00 – Balcony \$86.00. Bookings taken now by Connie Canale - ccanale25@hotmail.com - or call 5575 8882.

Tickets must be paid by 31st July

GOLD COAST ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB

Open for lunch and dinner from Tuesday to Sunday. Discount on meals to Dante members (show Dante card)
Ph. 55751966

www.italoaustralianclub.com.au



SCHOOL NEWS

Cari Studenti,

We hope you had a well deserved break for Easter and are ready to attack Term 2. With several public holidays this term, your teacher will make arrangements with the class for a catch-up lesson. Most have opted to have the class at the end of the term. Please discuss this with your teacher.

Term 2

This term is 10 weeks long. If you have not made payment, please do so ASAP. If you are making an internet payment, please email me the details to confirm it has been done. Grazie

The BIGGEST Morning Tea

As per past years, our tea/coffee money will go towards this Cancer Council fundraiser in May. Week 6- Mon 21- Fri 25 May. Last year we raised close to \$300! Please give generously.

Beginners Conversation Morning!

If you are in Intro or Beginners and would like extra conversation, we are now running conversation classes Tuesday mornings with Gilda from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Cost \$30 for the remaining weeks of term 2.

Scholarships

We have several students leaving us soon to take some of the scholarships we were granted. I sincerely wish you a wonderful experience and hope that it is rewarding for you. We would love to hear about your experiences when you come back. Contact us for details of scholarships.

Semester 2 Enrolment

28th June - 9 a.m. – 12 and 3p.m. –6.30 p.m.

Any questions, please call me- 55270797 Or
Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com

Rita
School Director

Ciao dal Playgroup



"Il colore azzurro al Playgroup"
Orlando e Gianluca.

Benvenuto al
Piccolo Hugo.

ITALIAN PLAYGROUP

9.30 a.m. Monday mornings. For information please phone Martina on 04154066603

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Thursday afternoons. 2-5 yrs. 3.25 - 3.55 p.m.
6-10 yrs. 4.00 - 4.45 p.m. For information please phone Rita on 55270797

Video clips for children:

Il cane pufonte

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAdmfbMOilw>

Un topolino, un gatto e un grande papà

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uH9IGy5PKvE&feature=related>

BELOW IS *COMPITO* FOR BEGINNER 1`S
WEDNESDAY CLASS :

Write 10 sentences expressing what you would like to do. Begin with VORREI.....

Our male student, Pietro Bracher, wrote:

"Vorrei bere una birra con Duncan, nell`Hotel Town e Country, perche` Duncan e` il mio mate".

Molto divertente, vero!?! Luisa Liussi

VISIT TO THE RENAISSANCE EXHIBITION – CANBERRA

The Renaissance paintings (the term means rebirth or revival) were in our Capital, Canberra from Dec. 2011 to Easter 2012. The paintings are archived at *L'Accademia Carrara* in Bergamo, and have never been allowed out of Italy. Australia was lucky enough to snare them to Canberra only because *L'Accademia Carrara* is closed for renovations, and this allowed us a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view these treasures.

The paintings were by Raphael, Botticelli, Bellini, Titian, etc. and were painted between the 14th and 16th century. It is a marvel that they are still with us. In that period there was an appreciation of Classical and ancient Greco-Roman art. The Catholic Church has always been a great Patron of the arts, and many of the paintings depicted religious scenes, including the lives of saints, and Bible stories. Many of the paintings were of The Madonna and Child which seemed to have been a very popular thing to paint at that time. Noble families such as the *Medici* of Florence and the *Sforza* from Milan also were great patrons and some of the portraits were of family members. Other paintings were used to adorn churches and abbeys.

Certainly the methods and colours used then were much different to what we see today, and most were tempera and gold on wood panels and very colourful, while others were quite stark and sombre. Over seventy works were on show and visitors could take a guided tour, audio tour, or self guided visit. Children were not forgotten as they had a "Discovery Trail". They were given a booklet and asked to find small details focusing on one particular painting from each group. Then the booklet went on to explain what it meant and why the painter had included it. This was a magnificent idea to get children involved and to eventually give them an appreciation of art.

There were over 20 artists featured (too numerous to list them all), and some paintings which have become very famous and recognizable were: **GIOVANNI BELLINI** – "Madonna and Child" – also known as "Madonna di Alzano"; **RAPHAEL** – "San Sebastian"; **SANDRO BOTTICELLI** – "The Story of Virginia the Roman"; **TITIAN** – "Madonna with Child and Landscape". There were also a few paintings of playing cards (Tarocchi) by **ANTONIO CICOGNARA**. He painted in all 78 cards and nearly all remain - 23 are in the *Accademia Carrara*, 35 in Piermont Library, N.Y., and 13 in private collection. The cards were of swords, cups, coins and staves and were a prelude to today's cards – spades, hearts, diamonds, clubs.



Connie at Renaissance Exhibition,
Canberra – painting
"Madonna and Child"

The exhibition was well received and thousands of people have flocked to see it. The final days were technically "sold out" as they only allowed a certain number every half-hour, so I was thankful that my tickets were pre-booked. If you have missed out you can always go to the Accademia Carrara in Bergamo to see them there next time you're in Italy.

Connie Canale

3rd Nov. Opera "Carmen". Book with Connie by 31st July.

GOLD COAST ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON 13TH MAY

BOOK EARLY

ITALY'S NATIONAL DAY DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY 2ND JUNE

BOOK EARLY!

**For bookings and further information please
phone the Club on 55751966**

TANTI AUGURI A TUTTE LE MAMME
PER DOMENICA 13 MAGGIO 2012.



MAMMA, parola d'amore
Sia se detta dalle labbra di un bimbo
Sia se detta da un vecchio che muore.
Quale meraviglia quando il cuore infiamma
Ogni volta che un figlio chiama ... **MAMMA**.

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*Il prossimo 13 maggio 2012 festa doppia: compie 100 anni la Festa della Mamma. Era il 1912 l'anno in cui l'americana Anna Jarvis realizzò il sogno della madre: istituire un giorno di festa dedicato a tutte le mamme del mondo, che ne celebrasse il valore ovunque e per sempre.*

*Mimose e garofani bianchi (simbolo della festa), bigliettini, filastrocche, dolcetti e quant'altro, tutto va bene per esprimere gratitudine ed amore alla mamma, la nonna, la zia, la sorella, la maestra, la vicina di casa... chiunque è o sia stato "la Mamma" con la M maiuscola.*

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**In 1912 Anna Jarvis trademarked the phrases "second Sunday in May" and "Mother's Day", and created the Mother's Day International Association.**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE MOTHERS**

*This unedited poem has been provided  
by our student Peter Bracher.*

QUESTI AMO. . . (una poesia piccola)

Amo i cuori gentile

e l'altruismo in azione

la musica gioiosa

e le parole ispiratrici

i sorrisi calorosi

e gli abbracci grandi

le lacrime di tristezza,

l'ottimismo e la speranza

le lacrime di gratitudine,

gli spiriti indipendenti

i momenti condivisi di tranquillità

anche essendo solo in silenzio

le bellezze della natura

e riverire per la vita.

**Hanno detto .....**

Il pensare divide, il sentire unisce.

*Ezra Pound*

Il tempo è la cosa più preziosa  
che un uomo può spendere.

*Teofrasto*

I computer sono inutili. Danno  
solo risposte.

*Pablo Picasso*