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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear members and friends

I hope that all the fathers, and everyone who takes on the role of father, had a wonderful Father's Day on the 1st September.

Thank you to everyone who came to the last film morning and to the *Amici della Dante* lunch. These are for all members, past and present.

Congratulations to Mark Hayward who was successful in receiving a scholarship from the Dante headquarters in Rome. He will be going to the Florence Dante school for two weeks in May 2020.

The Dante Gold Coast gives a small donation towards the Studitalia Prize. Anna Domaneschi and I were invited to the presentation of the awards at Old Government House in Brisbane. This year for the 25th Anniversary, there was a concert by famous Italian pianist, Alessandro Marangoni, as well as the presentations. It was good to catch up with friends from Brisbane associations.

We will not be organising group bookings to go to Brisbane for the Lavazza Italian Film Festival but I hope you take the opportunity to go to see some.

Cordiali saluti

Giovanna Santomauro



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

DATE CLAIMERS

Wednesday 18 September

Amici della Dante lunch

21 September to 6 October

Italian Film Festival

School holidays

25 September – 17 October

Tuesday 8 October

2nd Semester starts

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.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to the organizers of the Car Rally for a wonderful course which led us so close to home but to a tranquil and beautiful spot away from the traffic. We were also blessed to have had the most beautiful warm sunshine on that day too. This was the first time I had participated in the "Matta Mattinata in Macchina" car rally and I can see how valuable it is in utilizing a knowledge of Italian to work out the directions. It really was putting Italian into practice.

Once again, thank you to everyone who participated.

Course Dates for Semester 2 2019

Term 3 = 10 weeks

Break in September - 21 September - 6 October

Term 4 = 8 weeks

Course concludes - Friday 29 November

Mini Courses during the September break

Two of our teachers are lucky to be going to Italy in September however that will mean there will be no mini courses offered at this time. There will definitely be some offered in the December -January break.

MLTAQ Speech Contest (Modern Language Teachers Association of Qld)

On Sunday 18th August, the annual languages competition was held at Griffith University, Parkwood. The event was again another success with this year the introduction of Russian and the Yugambeh (Aboriginal) language.

Once again I was language convenor for Primary Italian. Thank you to all the judges. I was very proud of my students for all their practice prior to the competition and their efforts as I am sure all other Italian teachers were.

Results:

Year 5

1 st Adela Beldie	Biggera Waters State School
2 nd Saeecha Kumar	Somerset College
3 rd Kseniia Igumenova	Somerset College

MLTAQ Speech Contest (cont.)

Year 6

1 st Ayla Chirathivat- Gerald	Somerset College
2 nd Daisy Webber	Somerset College
3 rd Danielle Svoboda	Somerset College

Year 7

1 st Penelope Deacon	Somerset College
2 nd Taylah Morris	Assisi Catholic College
3 rd Stevie Landau	Somerset College

Year 8

1 st Cecilia Yang	Benowa State High School
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Year 9

1 st Soumya Murali	Benowa State High School
2 nd Nishay Bhikha	Benowa State High School

Year 10

1 st Alicia Maiorana	Assisi Catholic College
2 nd Ellie Waddington	Assisi Catholic College
3 rd Emalee Harm	Assisi Catholic College

Year 11

1 st Naomi Gray	Somerset College
2 nd Monique Spohr	Assisi Catholic College

Congratulazioni a tutti gli studenti che hanno partecipato!!

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

Or Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com

Rita

School Director

LAVAZZA ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL
www.italianfilmfestival.com.au

**Palace cinemas announces the 20th edition of the
Lavazza Italian Film Festival, which will
showcase 26 of the best new Italian films.**

Brisbane dates are:

25TH SEPTEMBER – 17TH OCTOBER

FERRAGOSTO

In Italy, August is the month when many Italians go on holiday. We celebrated *Ferragosto* at the Dante with some students going to lunch and singing songs about summer and Ferragosto.

The *Coro* ladies performed at the Co.As.It. Activity Centre to celebrate Ferragosto and some of our students joined in during their coffee break.



The Coro practices on Tuesday evenings from 5.45 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join. Singing in Italian helps improve language proficiency. For further information please phone Virginia Lamb on 0416167900.



Coro ladies and children with Rita La Rocca



Dante students, Caterina, Anna, Mia e Susanna



Rondella, Virginia e Francesca



Giovanna, Bianca e Sofia



Pranzo di Ferragosto



La mattina al cinema con i dolci di Connie

SOCIAL & CULTURAL NEWS

AMICI DELLA DANTE
 (Friends of the Dante)
PROSSIMO INCONTRO PER PRANZO
 (Next lunch get together)
MERCOLEDI 18 SETTEMBRE
 (Wednesday 18th September)
TUTTI BENVENUTI.
 (All welcome)

For further information please phone
 Maria Barrett on 0418750232



At the August lunch, Jean McNeilly, Anna Domaneschi, Pamela Conway, Giovanna Santomauro, Vicki Minassian, Jillian Thomas and Maria Barrett. See you all at the next one!!

FILM MORNING

The people who came to the film morning on Tuesday the 13th August enjoyed the comedy film which was spoken in Italian with English subtitles. Thank you to the people who brought goodies to share.



Antonio e Rosita Pettini, Vilma Andriani, Giovanna Santomauro e Connie Canale.

NEXT FILM WILL BE ON

TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

STUDITALIA PRIZE

The **Studitalia** prize started in 1994 and was created to reward excellence among Year 12 students studying Italian in Queensland schools. This is an initiative by the Consulate of Italy in Brisbane and the Queensland Department of Education. Contributions from Italian businesses and Associations play an important role in this initiative. Now in its 25th year, the prize provides winning students the opportunity to undertake a four-week immersion experience in Italy, which now includes a period of work experience to enhance their future career opportunities.

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary in a special way there was a wonderful piano concert by Maestro Alessandro Marangoni, who played “Rossini & Chopin: un dialogo romantico”. The venue, Old Government House, is one of Queensland’s most magnificent heritage sites located within the grounds of Queensland University of Technology.



Giovanna with Maestro Alessandro Marangoni and Diana Cekova



Liz Jarvis, Dante Brisbane President, Filippo D'Arro, from Italiquore and Giovanna