



DANTE NEWS Gold Coast

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Societa` Dante Alighieri Gold Coast
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear members

Thank you to the Committee who did a wonderful job ensuring everything continued running smoothly at the Dante while I was away in Italy.

Our group had a wonderful time visiting the places on our itinerary in Southern Italy. Everyone has different stories from their various experiences. One memorable experience for some of our group was the driver from hell they had going along the Amalfi Coast. They said he must have been a racing car driver. It only took him half the usual driving time to get there. After that memorable experience some of the group decided to go back to Sorrento by boat. The highlight for me was celebrating my 60th birthday in Sicily, where I was born. Mostly the weather was good for us except for a few days of rain – nothing like you got here. After the nice weather we left in Italy we were really freezing when we got home.

I visited all the classes to present the students with their Certificates and took photos of all the classes. (these will be put on our web in the photo gallery) Thank you Rita for organising another wonderful end of semester dinner. The cake we had for dessert was made by Maurita Bakery and as usual it not only looked beautiful but it was delicious. (Photos from the students' end of semester dinner will also be put on the web) Special guests at our dinner were President of the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club, Len Torti, Joe Battaglia, and Francesca Manuele, one of our teachers who had gone back to live in Italy. Francesca lives in Carpi, near Modena and she had to delay her return home because of all the damage caused by the earthquake. We will be doing some fundraising after the holidays to help some of the restoration work.

I look forward to seeing you all in the next semester and then at our Ferragosto fun day.

Cordiali saluti

Giovanna

COMING EVENTS

2nd SEMESTER CLASSES START
MONDAY 9TH JULY

FERRAGOSTO FAMILY DAY
SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST
Chelsea Ave. Broadbeach
11.00 A.M till 2.30P.M.

OPERA NIGHT - CARMEN
SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

ATTENTION OPERA LOVERS:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Opera **CARMEN** by Georges Bizet
sung in French with projected
English translations.

Cost - "B" and "A" reserve \$124.00, or in front
of Balcony 2 "C" reserve - \$86.00. Payment
due by 31st July 2012. Some tickets still
available - contact me at:
ccanale25@hotmail.com

GOLD COAST ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB

Open for lunch and dinner
from Tuesday to Sunday

SATURDAY 28 JULY CHRISTMAS IN JULY

SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST - FERRAGOSTO

For information on functions please
phone Patrizia on 0410653441 or
the Club on 55751966



SCHOOL NEWS

Cari Studenti,

How quickly semester one has gone and we are now ready to commence a new semester!

Semester One finished with a lovely evening at the Italo-Australian club for dinner. We had a delicious risotto followed by osso bucco. Thanks to George and his staff in the kitchen. Thanks also to Peter who played a few songs on his guitar.

Thank You to all who attended this get-together.

Benvenuti to all our new students this semester. We hope you enjoy your classes and gain a good grounding of this language with the assistance of your teachers.

The BIGGEST Morning Tea

Well done all. We raised \$316.20. This has already been sent off to the Cancer Council



Students at the "Biggest Morning Tea"

Conversation Classes

We will be running from the start of the semester Beginner and Advanced conversation classes. Beginners Conversation will be Tuesday 10-12 and Advanced Thursday 10-12.

Please note the prices-
Enrolled students in another course-\$60 for a semester or \$ 15 per lesson/casual

Persons not enrolled in our courses- \$15 casual or \$10 per lesson but must pay by term upfront. No refunds given.

Finding the right class

We ask students to be patient as students move from one class to another hoping to find their best level.

Textbooks

We envisage that all the textbooks will be here by the first week of class. If not, we ask you to be patient.

Want to find out about some different schools in Italy?

I am trying to organize an afternoon/ evening for Dante students who have been to Italian schools to get together and share their experiences with us and with the students intending to go. Please contact me to let me know if you would like to present the school you visited. I will let everyone know the day/date when I have enough presenters.

Teachers

Semester 2 sees us unfortunately without Gabriel Scarmana however we welcome back a past teacher, Giulia Torello

Luisa Liussi will teach only in Term 1 then is off with her tour group.

Any questions, please call me- 55270797

Or

Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com

Rita

School Director



CONVERSATION CLASSES

If you feel you need to brush up on your Italian through being involved in conversation, we welcome you to join in on our conversation classes.

See prices on this page.

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Odio la violenza
E l'ignoranza,
Spero per la pace
Prego per la vita,
Viva la bellezza!
Viva l'innocenza!

Pietro (Beginner 1 class - Thursday am)

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**Please check our website**  
**[www.dantegoldcoast.com](http://www.dantegoldcoast.com)**

**STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS**

Giovedì il 24 maggio, con la nostra classe di Conversazione Avanzato abbiamo festeggiato il compleanno della nostra insegnante meravigliosa, Gilda La Rocca. Insieme con la classe Beginners 2, abbiamo cantato con entusiasmo “Tanti auguri a te”, e insieme abbiamo mangiato la torta e bevuto il caffè. Tutti i nostri migliori auguri vanno a Gilda per una vita lunga, sana, e felice.

*Loredana*

**Nella foto – Tania Malik, Gilda La Rocca, Clara Molino, Margaret Ryan e Loredana Sterry.**

*Pietro è una persona sensibile ed interessato moltissimo ad imparare l'italiano. Ci ha mandato queste parole...*



Stamattina, quando sono stato alla mia solita lezione di italiano, io e gli altri student abbiamo incontrato una bella signora italiana (si chiama Maria) che ha 100 anni!!! Abbiamo cantato 'Tanti Auguri a te.' E' stata un'occasione molto commovente e i miei occhi erano pieni di lacrime. Non sono stato l'unico! Grazie mille, Società Dante Alighieri Gold Coast, mi sono sentito MOLTO privilegiato! — Peter (B1) 14/6/12



Mary Brustolin, mamma di Ester Ceron ( *maglietta bianca nella prima foto* ) ha compiuto 100 anni. Ci sono state tante celebrazioni per il suo compleanno, al Co. As. It . con il gruppo del giovedì, al Gold Coast Italo Australian Club con tutte le amiche (fra queste – nella foto Connie Canale, Giovanna Santomauro, Francesca Manuele (da Modena, Italia) e Graziella D'Adderio) e per finire la domenica sera - dopo la S.Messa alla chiesa di Stella Maris. Ha ricevuto una cartolina dalla Regina e da tante altre persone importanti. Tanti auguri Mary da tutti noi della Dante Gold Coast.

**COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO ART LOVERS:**

**PORTRAIT OF SPAIN:** Masterpieces from the Museo Nacional del Prado (the Prado), Madrid - has been specially loaned to the Queensland Art Gallery.

This is the largest and most significant international loan the Prado has ever undertaken, and is also the first exhibition from their collection ever to be shown in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Prado, is one of the most visited and leading museums in the world, recognised for its unparalleled collection of European painting and sculpture, and in particular, Flemish, Italian and Spanish paintings. Spanish monarchs from the fifteenth century onwards, avidly collected art and patronized contemporary artists such as Titian, Rubens, Velázquez, Murillo and Tiepolo.

Queensland Art Gallery - Brisbane - 21 July to 4 Nov. 2012 Cost: \$22.00 - Con. \$18.00

**THE GOLD COAST ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB**

From the elections at the recent Annual General Meeting the new committee is as follows:

President – Joe Battaglia  
 Vice President – Frank Covino  
 Secretary – Tony Di Pietro  
 Treasurer – Lena Morrow  
 Committee – Frank Arturi, Don Majdandzic, Dario Paternostro, Patrizia Simeone and Len Torti

We congratulate the new committee and wish them all the best.

The next function they are organising will be the “Christmas in July” Dinner Dance on the 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Please phone Patrizia on 0410653441 or the club on 55751966 for more information.

**GOLD COAST ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB**

Open for lunch and dinner from Tuesday to Sunday.

Discount on meals to Dante members (show Dante card - not available on daily specials) Ph. 55751966

[www.italoaustralianclub.com.au](http://www.italoaustralianclub.com.au)

**SUNDAY AUGUST 12TH****FERRAGOSTO PICNIC**

*A picnic to celebrate Ferragosto.*

*Everyone bring a plate to share.*

Games of soccer, bocce, cards, music, etc. will be provided.

A general get-together for everyone to socialize.

Soccer Park behind Broadbeach Surf Life Saving Club,

**Chelsea Ave., Broadbeach  
 11.00 A.M till 2.30P.M.**

Italian Sausage sizzle, coffee/tea & biscotti provided.

Should it rain - the picnic will be transferred to the DANTE COURTYARD.  
**EVERYONE IS INVITED - SO COME ALONG AND HAVE A FUN-FILLED DAY.**

**Hanno detto ,,,,**

Di tutto conosciamo il prezzo,  
 di niente il valore.

*Friedrich Nietzsche*

La solitudine e` per lo spirito  
 cio`che il cibo e` per il corpo.

*Seneca*

Molte parole non sono mai indizio di  
 molta sapienza.

*Talete*

*Thank you Astrid for your contribution of  
 “Hanno detto..” for our newsletter.*