



# DANTE NEWS Gold Coast

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Societa` Dante Alighieri Gold Coast

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear members

I hope you all had a peaceful Easter and that students enjoyed their break from classes. Next term is for 10 weeks.

We apologise to the people who were disappointed when we had to cancel the Wine and Cheese on the 16<sup>th</sup> March. Other than the committee and teachers there were not many other people who said they would be attending. We had our Wine and Cheese party after the AGM to celebrate Tony Carnovale's retirement.

As a result of the Annual General Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> April the committee has a new Secretary, Maria Barrett, new Treasurer, Astrid Pennisi and new committee member Robin Cook. We presented Honorary Life Membership to Tony Carnovale, our retiring Treasurer and Centre Manager, to express our appreciation for his many years (over 12) contribution to the Dante Gold Coast. ( Photo of committee below.)

Cordiali saluti,

*Giovanna*



Back row – Judy Roberts, Vicki Minassian, Ursula Nocerino, Joseph Nardello, Connie Canale, Robin Cook, Linda Day. Front row – Gino Moro (Vice President) Maria Barrett (Secretary) Giovanna Santomauro (President) Astrid Pennisi (Treasurer) Absent – School Director Rita Lo Presti.

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## 2013 DATE CLAIMER

21<sup>st</sup> May - Dante Alighieri's birthday

2<sup>nd</sup> Term 15<sup>th</sup> April - 21 June

Italian Week 26<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
[www.ItalianWeek.com.au](http://www.ItalianWeek.com.au)

Giornata della Dante 26<sup>th</sup> MAY  
Italian Poetry Day

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester 15<sup>th</sup> July

26<sup>th</sup> October - Opera - Otello



Tony Carnovale receives Honorary Life Membership



Tony Carnovale surrounded by some of the teachers, committee and members

**PRESIDENT:** Giovanna Santomauro 5539 5528

**SCHOOL DIRECTOR:** Rita Lo Presti 5527 0797

## SCHOOL NEWS

Cari Studenti,

We hope you had a well deserved break for Easter and are ready to attack Term 2.

This term we will once again have our Giornata della Poesia Italiana for the primary schools studying Italian. Students will memorize and present a poem to judges. I hope that there will be some interested Dante students willing to assist us on the day. This would be very much appreciated. More info on this will be available on the whiteboard.

### *Dates for this term*

Term 2- 15 April – 21 June 10 weeks

End of Semester break- 22 June- 13 July

### *Term 2*

This term is 10 weeks long- \$245.00 . If you have not made payment, please do so ASAP. Grazie

### *Public Holidays*

Adv. Conversazione on **April 25-Anzac Day** is cancelled. The evening lessons on the **Queen's Birthday holiday**, Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> will go ahead.

### *The BIGGEST Morning Tea*

We have been supporters of this annual event for several years now. As per past years, our tea/coffee money from day and night classes will go towards this Cancer Council fundraiser in May.

Week 6- Mon 20- Fri 24 May

Last year we raised just over \$300! Please give generously.

### *Scholarships*

We continue to receive information and discounts at various schools in Italy. If you are interested, please contact Giovanna or myself

*I hope you have a rewarding semester.*

Any questions, please call me- 55270797

Or

Email- [info@dantegoldcoast.com](mailto:info@dantegoldcoast.com)

*Rita*  
*School Director*

## CAFFE` E CONVERSAZIONE NIGHTS

These are casual nights where we meet and get a chance to socialize and practice our Italian.

### **Mark your diary:**

#### **Maggio -Caffe` e Conversazione**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 7- 8.30pm

**MAMA ROMA'S RESTAURANT**  
Broadbeach Mall Victoria Square

This month please bring any good Italian photos and shots you have taken on your holidays to Italy to share and discuss.

RSVP - Please write your name on the whiteboard to confirm you are coming  
PS- Dine or just coffee. Your choice!!

## CHILDREN'S ITALIAN CLASSES

Please contact Rita if interested.

### ITALIAN PLAYGROUP

**MONDAYS 9.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

It will commence as soon as there are sufficient numbers.  
Please contact Martina on 0415406603

## SOCIAL AND CULTURAL

**Opera – “Don Giovanni” (Mozart)** - sung in English  
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August – Gold Coast Art Centre**  
**Ph. 5588 400** Cost \$64 – Concession \$56 – Students \$35.  
No group will be organized. Dante students can quote the “Dante School” to receive the students’ rate.

**Opera – “Otello” (Verdi)** - sung in Italian  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October** 7.30 p.m. - Lyric Theatre – QPAC, Brisbane. Cost \$124.00 A group has been booked and interest in attending can be booked with Connie at [ccanale25@hotmail.com](mailto:ccanale25@hotmail.com)

## PROMINENT ITALIANS

Gabriele D’Annunzio – born 1863  
Giovanni Boccaccio – born 1313  
Giuseppe Verdi – born 1813

## BISTRO ALFONSO (G.C. Italo Australian Club)

**Bistro and restaurant open for lunch and dinner**  
**Tuesday to Sunday - Ph. 55753845 / 55715966**

**Discounts for Dante members**

### STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS

*Dalla classe "Lingua, Cultura e Societa'" ecco i Capitoli 10, 11 e 12 - [Sei personaggi in cerca di autori.](#)*

Di : **Maria Barrett, Brian Bell, Dawn Behan, Margaret Byrne, Maria Bowker-Perry, Susanna Konigsberg, Christine Merkel, Helen Murphy e Justina Turrisi.** Con la collaborazione di Martina Medda.

#### Capitolo 10

Antonella era stata sempre dedita allo sport. Non solo la pallavolo ma anche nuoto, atletica e pallacanestro. Soffriva d'asma da quando aveva due anni ed i dottori avevano consigliato ai genitori di farle praticare sport. Ma lo sport non era solo quello. Era piacevole e soprattutto le dava l'occasione per incontrare amici, molto importante per una figlia unica. Crescendo era diventata una bella ragazza bruna e in forma. Voleva studiare medicina all'universita' di Bologna dopo le vacanze in Egitto. I genitori erano d'accordo. Loro si erano incontrati proprio a Bologna quando studiavano all'universita'. Sua madre era poi diventata giornalista e suo padre medico. Vivevano a Roma da dieci anni ma il padre, Mario, era nato a Napoli e la madre, Luisa, a Bologna. Antonella era pronta per la vita a Bologna ma ancora doveva rendersi conto che gli amici di scuola non sarebbero potuti rimanere insieme per sempre.

#### Capitolo 11

Il momento dell'amore adolescenziale e' proprio arrivato. Le ragazze del gruppo erano divertite a vedere Janet e Riccardo arrivare abbracciati al loro incontro. Janet e Riccardo continuavano a farsi gli occhi dolci ed a mandarsi baci. Erano innamorati perdutamente ed inseparabili. Anche quando non erano insieme trovavano il modo di contattarsi con messaggi al cellulare, Skype o Facebook. I genitori di entrambi non sapevano piu' che fare! Riccardo non era piu' tanto disponibile a badare ai suoi fratellini e sempre aveva la testa tra le nuvole. Inoltre erano molto preoccupati: sapevano che Janet sarebbe partita e non volevano che questo gli spezzasse il cuore. D'altro canto sapevano che un'esperienza d'amore cosi' e' un rito di passaggio per i ragazzi. Ma per i genitori di Janet questo amore rappresentava un problema serio. Se prima Janet non era felice di tornare in Australia ora lei stava diventando ribelle. Ogni giorno litigavano e Janet urlava "Non verro' in Australia. Non potete obbligarmi!" Poi usciva da casa sbattendo la porta. Dopo giorni di angoscia i genitori di Janet presero una decisione: era fuori discussione che lei potesse stare in Italia da sola ma acconsentirono a che lei stesse a casa di Francesca durante le vacanze estive e poi sarebbe andata in Australia. Speravano nel frattempo che i fuochi di passione si spegnessero da li' a settembre.

#### Capitolo 12

Antonella si era maturata con ottimi voti. Era anche stata accettata all'universita' di medicina di Bologna. Viaggiare all'estero era sempre stato il suo desiderio ed in particolare l'Egitto. Le piacevano i posti e la storia egizia. Davide aveva deciso di accompagnarla. Lei aveva lavorato in un bar vicino a casa ed aveva messo da parte un po' di soldi. Aveva lavorato le sere ed i fine settimana lavando i piatti e servendo ai tavoli. Tutto era pronto per il viaggio: passaporti in regola, carte di credito, visti. Avevano deciso di viaggiare con uno zaino ed il sacco a pelo. Dovevano prendere l'aereo diretto da Roma al Cairo con l'Alitalia in posti economici ma non troppo comodi. "Non importa." diceva Antonella. Anche l'albergo era economico e pulito ma molto rumoroso. La mattina dopo l'arrivo avevano progettato di andare al museo nazionale, di vedere la collezione di Tutankhamen, i sarcofagi, i gioielli preziosi. Nel pomeriggio, di esplorare la moschea del Cairo e il giorno dopo, con un autobus ,di andare alle piramidi e di vedere la sfinxe. Anche di andare sul cammello. Volevano inoltre andare in escursione sul Nilo, vedere le donne indigene lavare i panni nell'acqua ed esplorare la valle dei re (Avevano prenotato un accompagnatore che parlava italiano). Sicuramente un'esperienza memorabile prima di iniziare l'universita'.

*Continua nella prossima newsletter*

### **Cosa Vuol Dire.....**

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| <b>1. BALDACCHINO</b><br>Four-poster<br>A male turkey<br>A bald person | <b>2. MELANZANA</b><br>An eggplant<br>An old apple<br>A disease | <b>3. CHIROMANTE</b><br>Fortune Teller<br>Lover<br>From the Far East <b>(Answers on back page)</b> |
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The two Introduction to Italian classes held a Treasure Hunt on the last day before the Easter break. Their recent lesson on directions helped them to decipher the clues which ultimately lead them to the treasure: a basket of Easter eggs

*Astrid Pennisi*

### Answers to: **Cosa Vuol Dire.....**

1. Four-poster
2. An eggplant
3. Fortune teller

### DANTE AGM 2013 - PRESIDENT'S REPORT (1/1/2012-31/12/2012)

Thank you for coming. I warmly thank the committee, Gino, Tony, Judith, Rita, Ursula, Connie, Joseph, Astrid, Vicki and Linda. I am privileged to work with such a wonderful group of people. Thank you to the teachers, Rita, Luisa Liussi, Luisa Waibel, Gilda, Martina, Astrid, Ursula, Charlotte, Giulia and Gabriel. I thank the Committee and teachers for their commitment to the Gold Coast Dante Alighieri Society and their continuing promotion of the Italian language and culture.

Thank you to George and Vicki Minassian for maintaining and updating our web page. You can see the photos of different events in the Photo Gallery. We now are also on **Facebook - Dante Gold Coast**. Make sure you go on there and like it. Thank you Martina for the beautiful images of Italy that we have seen on there. Special thanks to Centre Manager/Treasurer Tony Carnovale who with his assistant Joseph Nardello, ensure that our rooms are always immaculate at the start of the week. The school is our main activity and I thank the School Director, Rita for her dedication. We have Children's classes run by our teacher Charlotte Petrucci and the Italian playgroup under the direction of Martina Medda. Thank you to our Social and Cultural organiser, Connie Canale, who keeps us updated with coming Italian events, films and operas. Information for all these are on the web as well as on Facebook.

We have a good relationship with the Sede Centrale, Italian Consulate, the Gold Coast Multicultural Society, the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club and the Brisbane Dante Alighieri Society, who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2012. Tony Carnovale, Connie and I went to their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner in Brisbane at their new premises at Casa Italia New Farm. We are fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers who are willing to help whenever we ask.

For the first time since the LOTE (Languages other than English) MLTAQ started on the Gold Coast we did not have an Italian food stall on the day. There were too many ethnic food stalls run by restaurants and there are too many regulations now. We still presented the Italian awards and organised the Italian judges and Rita Lo Presti was the Italian Co-ordinator. We had a monster garage sale in our courtyard and in our rooms as a fund-raiser for the Italian earthquake appeal. It was very successful and we sent the money directly to the bank account for the City of Carpi, where Francesca Manuele, one of our past teachers lives. We received a thank you letter from the mayor and we are listed on their web site as one of the donors. Thank you to everyone who donated the wonderful goods, help set up and bought the goods. Thank you for your time. *Giovanna Santomauro* - President