



DANTE NEWS Gold Coast

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Societa` Dante Alighieri Gold Coast

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear members

Thank you for your commitment in promoting the Italian language and Culture. Thank you to the committee, school director Rita, teachers and students. Thank you to George and Vicki for their work on updating our web and to Brian Bell who will be continuing on with this. Check out the new look web and the photos of this year's events.

Thank you to the students who completed the feedback forms, we appreciate your comments and ask your help in promoting our classes. The greatest number of our students hear about our classes through word of mouth. Many students have taken the opportunity of the Early Bird discount and I thank everyone who has already renewed their membership for 2014. If you haven't done so yet please download a form from the web, complete it and send with payment. Please let me know if you prefer to have a Membership Renewal form mailed to you.

We warmly welcome the new Italian Ambassador to Australia, Pier Francesco Zazo. We look forward to having him visit the Gold Coast next year for our 25th Anniversary. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to meet him at a function hosted by Chris Freeman of QPAC and the Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry last Wednesday and then on the Thursday invited by the Acting Consul of Italy for Qld & NT, Ms. Tiziana Grasso, with other Community leaders to meet him. The sad news is that the Italian Consulate Offices in Brisbane and Adelaide will be closing down next year.

I wish you and your families a peaceful Christmas and a great start to 2014.

Giovanna



My husband and I with the Italian Ambassador, Pier Francesco Zazo and Chris Freeman, Queensland Performing Arts Centre.

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2014 MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE

DATE CLAIMER

Semester 1 Enrolment

Tuesday, 21 Jan 3 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, 1st Feb 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon

10 February - Semester 1 starts

Easter holidays

5 April - 19 April

Saturday 9 August

Opera - "La Boheme"

(On the Gold Coast see page 4)

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**THE GOLD COAST
ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB**

18 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters

Tel 55751966

open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Sunday

LUNCHES FOR \$10

NEW YEAR'S EVE FUNCTION

Bookings essential Ph. 55751966 or email:

secretary@italoaustralianclub.com.au

*VI AUGURIAMO UN BUON
NATALE E UN FELICE 2014*



*WE WISH YOU A MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY 2014*

PRESIDENT: Giovanna Santomauro 5539 5528

SCHOOL DIRECTOR: Rita Lo Presti 5527 0797

SCHOOL NEWS

Another semester and year draws to a close. Thank You to all who came to our school this year. A sincere Thank You to all the Dante teachers we had this year - Giovanna, Luisa L, Danielle, Astrid, Martina, Gilda, Charlotte, Giulia, Gabriel, Ursula and Luisa W for their work in promoting and supporting the Italian Language and Culture. Thank you to Tony and Joe for keeping our premises immaculate.

There is some information in this newsletter but everything is posted on the website so please check it and print out forms from there if necessary. Un grandioso Grazie to all who came to the end of semester function and presentation night. A beautiful assortment of food and great company.

Summer Mini Courses

Thanks to all who have participated in the two week courses pre-Christmas. The next mini-courses commence on Wednesday 8th January 2014.

2014 Courses

Enrolment dates-

- Tuesday 21 January 3.00-7.00pm
- Saturday 01 February 9:30- 12.00am

Information on 2014 Classes-

Please go to the Dante website for Dates/Cost/Forms etc

Early Bird Special Price

Must be received by Wednesday 15th January 2014 *Direct deposits after that date will pay the higher rate.* **If Direct Depositing please write your surname in the reference of Payee
Please email through your completed enrolment and membership forms

Buon Natale a tutti i nostri studenti

Any questions about the school, please call me on - 55270797 Or Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com



Rita
School Director

Giovanna and Rita with scholarship winner Marguerite.

Cosa Vuol Dire.....

ACCIGLIATO

Of the eyebrows
Slicing

Sullen, morose

ECCEPIRE

To accept
To understand
To object

GUINZAGLIO

Leash
Garlic
Loud shriek

(Answers on back page)

Summer Course students – Giochi



Summer Course students – Introduction to Italian



Summer Course students – Cooking class



End of year function

Thank you to everyone for the delicious food. Thank you for providing the excellent entertainment. Singers: Jodie and Emi, Dancers: Andrea and Mel, (www.moveyourbody.com.au) Play: Students from LCS class
More photos on the web site.



GOING TO ITALY IN 2014?

Two of our teachers are organizing trips. ITALIA BELLISSIMA 2014 TOUR with Giovanna leaving on the 13th September and VENICE WITH LUISA on the 3rd October. Details of both are under EVENTS on the Dante website: www.dantegoldcoast.com

ITALIA BELLISSIMA 2014 TOUR

Every 2 years since 1999 I have been accompanying groups to Italy, the first few times mainly to Southern Italy and Sicily. The next one is a relaxing Boutique Tour of about 26 people, with our coach and driver organized through Canale Travel and the Italian tour company. We will start the tour with 4 relaxing nights at Stresa on Lake Maggiore. Itinerary and details are on the web. There will be an information session and afternoon tea at the Dante rooms at 2 p.m. on Saturday 11th January. Canale Travel representatives will also be present to answer any other questions. Let me know if you are interested in coming along. (Ph. 55395528)

Giovanna Santomauro: Insegnante/Presidente Dante Gold Coast

VENICE WITH LUISA

Since 2011 we have been organizing a Venice tour, each October, for 16 days of total immersion and discover the most fascinating city in the world. Experience Venice and study Italian. It has become a yearly appointment, providing the students with an "insider" experience into life in Venice. Together with **Venice Italian School** we provide language classes both inside and outside the classroom. Class sizes are small (6 people). Students are graded into Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced.

Encountering local artisans for conversation (cheese vendors, wine sellers, fishermen, glass workers, stylists, chefs, and even a gondolier!); enjoying learning to row a gondola on the lagoon; sharing *aperitivi* at sunset; learning interesting history through walks with a professional guide, or wandering Venice's *calli e campi* is a truly wonderful experience. It doesn't get more Venetian than that.

2014 sees a wonderful opportunity to explore Italy in tandem. Giovanna's *Italia Bellissima 2014 Tour* in September 13 - October 1 followed by *Venice With Luisa* October 3 - 19, 2014

See website : www.veniceitalianschool.com Contact: venicewithluisa@gmail.com (+61) 0408344148

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Luisa Liussi: Insegnante Dante Gold Coast

TRONCHETTO DI NATALE – (YULETIDE LOG)

Cake: 180 ml (3/4 cup plain flour); ½ teaspoon baking powder; 4 squares chopped dark cooking chocolate, 60ml (1/4 cup) unsalted butter; 60 ml (1/4 cup) cocoa powder; 4 eggs; 180gr (3/4 cup) brown sugar; 1/4 strong sweetened coffee.

Filling: 250ml (1 cup) Mascarpone cheese; 1/4 cup icing sugar; 1 teaspoon vanilla essence; 125ml. (1/2 cup) whipping cream; 1-2 tabs. Marsala or other sweet liquor; glace' cherries & holly leaves for decorating.

Preheat oven to 200 °C. Line a 43 X 30cm scone tray with baking paper letting it hang slightly over both sides. Grease and flour on both sides.

Cake: In a bowl, combine the flour and baking powder. Set aside. In a small saucepan, gently melt the chocolate, butter, and cocoa powder. Whisk until the mixture is smooth. Set aside to cool.

In another bowl, beat the eggs and sugar with an electric mixer until the mixture lightens and triples in volume - about 5 minutes. On low speed, add the dry ingredients. With a spatula, gently fold in the chocolate mixture.

Spread the batter on the baking sheet. Bake for 10 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in cake comes out clean. Straight out of the oven, invert the cake onto a clean teatowel. Remove the paper and brush the cake with the coffee. Roll the still warm cake with the towel from the short side. Let cool completely

Filling: Meanwhile, in a bowl, beat the cheese, sugar, and vanilla with an electric mixer for 1 minute. Drizzle in the cream and Marsala beating until stiff peaks form. Unroll the cake and spread with the filling but reserve some for topping. Roll again. Spread remaining cream on top and with fork make swiggly long lines to resemble rough bark. Decorate with red glace' cherries and holly leaves. Refrigerate. Serve chilled.

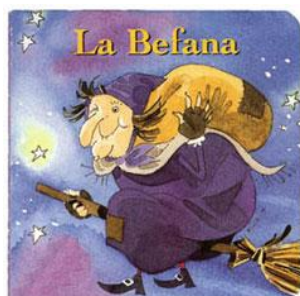
Connie Canale

“LA BOHEME” opera by GIACOMO PUCCINI

SAT. 9 August 2014 – 7.30p.m.

GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE

This wonderful opera is coming to the Gold Coast. The Dante Society would like to extend to students and members the opportunity to see it locally. Presented by Opera Queensland – sung in Italian. Special price for Dante students/members: \$49.00. **Register now with Connie** – ccanale25@hotmail.com



In Italian folklore **La Befana** is an old woman who visits all the children of Italy on the eve of the Feast of the Epiphany to fill their socks with candy and gifts if they have been good or a lump of coal or dark candy if they have been bad. **La Befana** derives from "**La Festa dell'Epifania**", the "Feast of the Epiphany" (January 6) She is usually portrayed as an old lady with a bag of gifts, riding a broomstick and wearing a dark shawl. She is covered in soot because she enters children's houses through the chimney. (*Wikipedia*)

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

1. Sullen, morose 2. To object 3. Leash

See Selena for your 10% Dante Members' discount at:

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