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Societa` Dante Alighieri Gold Coast

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

I hope you had an opportunity to go to see some of the wonderful films at the Lavazza Italian Film Festival in Brisbane. It was Italian Week the third week of October, "*La Settimana della Lingua Italiana nel mondo*". The teaching of Italian is very important to the economy of Italy as students want to go there on holidays or study Italian there after they have learnt basic Italian here.

Thank you to Connie for organizing the group to go see the Opera "*Otello*" in Brisbane. Thank you to Dawn Behan for donating "*La Piovra*" (The Octopus) series for our library.

Not long now until another year is over. Hope you have had a good year so far. We are offering an *Introduction to Italian* Course for 8 weeks from the 26th November (with a break for Christmas) and would appreciate you promoting our classes.

Our Cultural insert page this month is on Leonardo Da Vinci's "*Vitruvian Man*" Thank you Connie for preparing this.

Please read the School News on page 2 for update of what is happening at our school.

On our web site you can see photos from our various activities as well as the itinerary for the *Italia Bellissima 2014 Tour* I will be accompanying in September next year. This tour is not only for Dante members so if you have any friends you think may be interested in joining us please let them know. It will be a relaxed tour with a small group. Students who wish to continue practising their Italian on the tour will have the opportunity to do so.

Congratulations to CO.AS.IT. Gold Coast on celebrating their 10th anniversary on the Gold Coast. There is a celebration lunch on Sunday 10th November (further details on this page).

Cordiali saluti

Giovanna

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DATE CLAIMER

NEW Introduction to Italian Course
Starts Tuesday 26th November

Dante End of Term function
Piazza Dante
Friday 29th November 6 p.m.

LIBRARY/RESOURCE CENTRE

Dante members may borrow on Fridays
From 12 noon to 2 p.m. or
during class coffee breaks

CO. AS. IT. GOLD COAST
10th Anniversary Lunch

At the Gold Coast Italo-Australian Club
Sunday 10th November 11.30 a.m. – 3p.m.
Cost \$28 – tickets available from
Brisbane Office – 3262 5755 or
Gold Coast Office – 5554 – 6599

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

MELBOURNE CUP FUNCTION
Tuesday 5th November from 11.30 a.m.

\$55 Includes a *complimentary glass of champagne on arrival * fashion parade *
* 3 course meal * Prizes and Raffle
watch the race live on the big screen

Bookings essential Ph. 55751966 or email:
secretary@italoaustralianclub.com.au

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Students

Hope you had a pleasant break. The second part of this term is of 8 weeks. You have seen little of me lately, with two deaths in my husband's family in a short period of time. It has been a very sad time for the family.

New Introduction Course over Summer

Do you have family or friends that would like to do an 8 week Intro course to Italian – starting 26th November ??? The info is available on the Dante website. Please promote this if you can.

Summer Mini Courses

I will be asking for teachers' availability to take these over the break. Courses will be displayed on the white board in Aula 1. You will need to write your name down and prepay the course. With sufficient numbers the course will go ahead.

Intermediate 2 class cancelled

Unfortunately due to the low numbers in the Inter 2 class Tues evenings with Giulia, the class has had to be discontinued. Very sorry for this change.

End of Course Dinner & Certificates of Participation

The last day of the Semester is Friday 29th November. That night we will have the presentation of Certificates in Piazza Dante. Final details of the function will be put up in the classrooms.

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

School Director

Rita



Tuesday night B1 class – Giovanna(teacher) ,Michela, Gabriela, Andrea, Sofia, Santina, Rubina, Paola, Carina & Jenna with the pasta dish she prepared for homework.

Cosa Vuol Dire.....

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(Answers on back page)



Introduction Class Friday Pieretta, Donna, Rodrigo, Astrid (teacher), Carolina, Sandra e Rocco.



News from Luisa – “Our 2013 ‘Venice with Luisa’ group finally met today, for the first time: our Dottoressa S. Blum, from Dante Gold Coast classes celebrated her birthday on the day of her arrival in Venice. Four ladies are from Brisbane, two of whom are studying at Dante Brisbane. Two ladies joined us from the United States of America. All are delighted to be here, sharing their love of all that is Italian. NATURALMENTE a Bellini at sunset was priority on a first meeting. (Bellini is a drink created in Venice: it is made with Prosecco and fresh peach juice.)

STUDENTS' WORK

Gli studenti della classe Intermedio 4 hanno scritto usando espressioni di ammirazione, incredulita' e sorpresa. Ecco due esempi. (Martina)

Ieri sono andato a trovare mio nonno di ottantasette anni e mi ha annunciato il suo prossimo matrimonio . Mio nonno si chiama Osvaldo.

**Ciao Nicola, mi fa piacere vederti. Come va? _Ciao nonno,va tutto bene e tu?*

**Sto benissimo ed ho una notizia piuttosto interessante. _Ah si ? Davvero? Dimmi.*

**Ho deciso di sposarmi. _Dici sul serio? Come mai?*

**Si e' vero. Vorrei invitarti al mio matrimonio come mio ospite d'onore rappresentante della famiglia.*

*_Che sorpresa! Ma chi e' questa donna? *Si chiama Elisabetta, ha ventitre' anni.*

_Ventitre' anni? Non e' possibile? Dici sul serio? Che mi dici?

**Si, l'ho incontrata in lavanderia due settimane fa.*

_Nonno! Non ci credo! Proprio due settimane fa? Com'e' possibile?

**Si , certo e' possibile. Viene dalla Mongolia ma ha voglia di imparare un po' d' italiano.*

_Nonno, mio Dio! Vuoi sposare una donna di ventitre' anni, che viene dalla Mongolia e non parla italiano?

**Si, e' la donna dei miei sogni, la mia donna ideale! _Ma dai! Cosa mi racconti?*

**Beh, va bene, si puo' sognare un po'..Sfortunatamente scherzo, ti sto prendendo in giro.*

*_Ma nonno, dove vai adesso? *Vado in lavanderia,caso mai incontrassi la mia fidanzata.*

_Roba da matti!

(Nick)

Nonno ,non e' possibile! Ma come? Sei sicuro? Ma dici sul serio? Che mi dici?

No, non ci credo proprio! Proprio non me l'aspettavo!

Che sorpresa! Ma guarda..... Quanti anni ha?

Vuole i tuoi soldi! Tu sei un vecchio pazzo.

Nonno mi dispiace. Non avei dovuto dirlo.

Va bene nonno, magnifico, Che bello!

(Donald)

STUDENTS' WORK

Due lavori fatti da 2 studentesse della classe di Intermedio 4 del venerdì' mattina. Abbiamo fatto la fiaba e queste sono 2 storie vere scritte come fiabe. (Martina)

C'era una volta un gatto che si chiamava Minnie. Era molto piccolo e carino. Minnie amava tutti e tutti la amavano.

Uno dei trucchi preferiti di Minnie era saltare dentro i finestrini delle macchine parcheggiate ed andare a fare un giro. Spesso andava molto lontano da casa e qualcuno avrebbe voluto tenerla con se'.

Un giorno Minnie e' scomparsa. I suoi padroni erano molto tristi e avevano cercato dappertutto ma non potevano trovarla.

Dopo un po di tempo l'hanno vista uscire dalla finestra di una casa dove abitava un uomo anziano che era molto malato. Minnie ogni giorno ed ogni notte dormiva con lui. Erano inseparabili.

La vita dell'uomo anziano era prolungata dall'amore di questo insolito gatto.

Lui e' morto con un sorriso sulla faccia e Minnie era con lui.

(Kerry)

C'era una volta un cane piccolo che viveva in una casa al mare.

Amava correre sulla spiaggia e giocava con tutti gli altri cani.

Era conosciuto da tutti nel quartiere compresa la polizia.

Era un felice piccolo cane e la sua famiglia lo amava molto.

Anche adesso se ti siedi sulle dune e chiudi gli occhi e' possibile sentire il cane piccolo

che chiamava la spiaggia la sua casa.

(Marion)



As part of our Italian week activities this year we had guest writer Maria Spina Gaudiello talk about her book "UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS: THE QUEST FOR A NEW HOMELAND". This was featured in our July newsletter. The book is now available for purchase from our Dante office for \$25.00 In this photo Maria Gaudiello presents a copy of her book to Giovanna Santomauro.

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

1. To flatter
2. Director
3. To Feign

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