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DATE CLAIMER

31st March Dante Easter holidays start

17th April – classes resume

6th May presentation “How an Australian lives La Dolce Vita in Italy”

LETTERA DEL PRESIDENTE

Dear members and friends

It is with great sadness that I advise the passing of Lidia Lo Presti, our School Director, Rita Lo Presti's mother. Lidia was a wonderful woman who was very involved in the Italian Community and would come help with pasta making demonstrations at a Primary School on Italian Days. We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family.



Congratulations to the students who completed the Italian for Travellers course. Certificates were presented to them and we include their photos in this newsletter. It is good to see many of them continuing on to Beginners 1.

The presentation by Lou Puggioni on “How an Australian lives La Dolce Vita in Italy” was very popular, and the topic of interest to many people. Some came from Byron Bay and Brisbane. By popular demand, this talk will be presented again on Saturday 6th May. Please make sure you book early. Thank you to the people who wrote about the afternoon. Thank you to the Bocce experts who showed our students how to play Bocce.

The Committee and I wish you all **Una Buona Pasqua**.
Cordiali saluti,
Giovanna

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Ciao

Thank you to all the students who came to the Welcome party "Benvenuti alla Dante". I hoped you enjoyed learning to play bocce. We will put photos of the evening in the next newsletter.

Easter break – 1st April to 16th April. Classes recommence from Monday 17th April

Italian for Travellers – new courses will be offered after the Easter break. Please let your friends know.

I wish you all a Buona Pasqua.

Rita Lo Presti

School Director

Italian for
Travellers
students receive
their certificates

We had classes
on Tuesday
mornings,
Wednesday
nights and
Thursday nights.





Thank you to Brian Bell our Webmaster and Martina Medda our Facebook and Instagram Manager for keeping you all updated on our events.

La classe di mercoledì sera con la loro insegnante.

DANTE LIBRARY

WILL BE OPEN FOR MEMBERS ON THURSDAY 6TH APRIL FROM 10 A.M.- 11.30 A.M.

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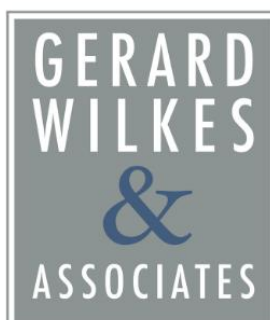
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La magnifica chiesa di Santa Maria dei Fiori di **Firenze** è costruita con marmi bianchi, neri e rossi. La prima pietra della facciata venne posata nel settembre 1296. La chiesa è la terza più grande del mondo (dopo San Pietro a Roma e San Paolo a Londra) ed era la più grande d'Europa all'epoca della sua costruzione. È lunga 153 metri, larga 90 metri a croce e alta 90 metri. Le notevoli differenze di stile rivelate in varie parti della chiesa sono la testimonianza del lungo periodo tra l'inizio della costruzione ed il suo completamento.

Nel 1478 fu il luogo dell'omicidio di un membro della famosa famiglia Medici.

Dal tempo di Cosimo il Vecchio (1389-1464), il nonno di Lorenzo il Magnifico, i Medici furono i governanti non ufficiali di Firenze. La città era ancora una Repubblica, ma guidata dal capriccio delle sue famiglie più influenti.

Lorenzo e Giuliano stavano assistendo alla messa nella chiesa e gli assassini stavano aspettando il segnale per attaccare. Mentre l'ostia veniva innalzata verso il cielo, i due fratelli furono attaccati. Lorenzo riuscì a fuggire in sacrestia. Giuliano è stato meno fortunato. Fu brutalmente pugnalato 19 volte da Francesco de' Pazzi. Il sangue fu versato, ma il colpo di stato mancò il bersaglio. La notizia del crimine si diffuse rapidamente e gli amici dei Medici e i loro seguaci diedero la caccia al colpevole.

Jacopo de' Pazzi, dopo aver tentato di fuggire nei Monti Appennino, fu riportato a Firenze e impiccato a una delle finestre di Palazzo Vecchio. La stessa sorte toccò a Francesco de' Pazzi, al cugino Renato e al Salviati.

Alla fine, la maggior parte della famiglia Pazzi era stata uccisa ed il resto era stato imprigionato o esiliato. La memoria dei Pazzi fu cancellata dagli annali di Firenze, le loro proprietà confiscate e i loro stemmi rimossi. Giuliano fu sepolto e pianto, mentre Lorenzo emerse dalla congiura dei Pazzi con potere e prestigio rafforzati. Conosciuto come "il Magnifico" non aveva alcun titolo ufficiale nella Repubblica, eppure rimase il suo capo fino alla sua morte nel 1492. **Jaquie Shelton**



The magnificent church of Santa Maria dei Fiori in **Florence** is built from white, black and red marble. The first stone of the façade was laid in September 1296. The church is the third largest in the world (after St. Peter's in Rome and St. Paul's in London) and the largest in Europe at the time of its construction. It is 153 metres long, 90 metres wide and 90 metres high. The remarkable differences of style revealed in various parts of the church are the testimony to the long period between the commencement of the building and its completion. It was the setting for the murder of a member of the famous Medici family in 1478. From the time of Cosimo il Vecchio (1389-1464), the grandfather of Lorenzo the Magnificent, the Medicis were the unofficial rulers of Florence. The city was still a republic but driven by the whim of its most influential families.

Lorenzo and Giuliano were attending mass at the church and the murderers were waiting for the signal to attack. As the host was raised heavenward, the two brothers were attacked. Lorenzo managed to escape into the sacristy. Giuliano was less fortunate. He sustained 19 stab wounds at the hands of Francesco de' Pazzi. Blood had been spilled but the coup missed its mark. News of the crime spread quickly and the Medici friends and their followers hunted for the guilty party.

Jacopo de' Pazzi, after trying to escape to the Apennines, was taken back to Florence and hanged from one of Palazzo Vecchio's windows. The same fate befell Francesco de' Pazzi, his cousin Renato, and Salviati. In the end the majority of the Pazzi family had been killed and the rest imprisoned or exiled. The memory of the Pazzi was erased from the annals of Florence, their property confiscated and their coats of arms removed. Giuliano was buried and mourned, while Lorenzo emerged from the Pazzi conspiracy with reinforced power and prestige. Known as "the Magnificent" he had no official title in the Republic, and yet remained its leader until his death in 1492. **Jaquie Shelton(LCS)**



Soci della Dante a pranzo al Gold Coast Italo Australian Club.



I nostri studenti delle classi di giovedì mattina, martedì mattina e mercoledì mattina con le loro insegnanti.



Buona Pasqua



How an Australian Lives La Dolce Vita in Italy



Thirty-two students and Friends of Dante joined Lou Puggioni who spoke about how and why he lives in Italy for 6 months or more each year.

Lou reminded us of the beauty of Italy, the culture, the food and the relatively low cost of living compared to Australia. Living in Italy for 6 months per year as an Australian citizen can be an enriching experience. Italy is known for its rich history, culture, and cuisine, which makes it a popular destination for tourists and expats. However, before embarking on your Italian adventure, it is important to understand the visa requirements and codice fiscale.

Lou advised that as an Australian citizen, you are allowed to stay in Italy for up to 90 days without a visa. However, if you plan to stay longer than 90 days, you will need to apply for a visa. The type of visa you will need depends on the purpose of your stay. If you plan to work or study in Italy, you will need a work or study visa. If you plan to retire or travel for an extended period, you may need a long-term tourist visa or a retirement visa.

To apply for a visa, you will need to visit the Italian embassy or consulate in Australia. You will need to provide supporting documents, such as proof of accommodation, financial means, and travel insurance. The visa application process can take several weeks, so it is important to plan ahead.

The codice fiscale, or fiscal code, is a unique identification code used by the Italian government for tax and administrative purposes. As an expat living in Italy, you will need a codice fiscale to open a bank account, sign a rental agreement get supermarket loyalty cards and access other services. A tourist or expat can purchase a tourist SIM Card without a codice fiscale if they show an Australian passport.

To obtain a codice fiscale, you can do this through the Italian Consulate in Brisbane. You will need to provide a valid passport, proof of residency, and other supporting documents. The process is relatively straightforward. Details of the Italian consulate in Brisbane can be found at:

https://consbristane.esteri.it/consolato_brisbane/en/

Once you have obtained your visa and codice fiscale, you can start your Italian adventure. Italy has a lot to offer, from stunning landscapes and historic cities to delicious food and wine. However, living in Italy can also be challenging, especially if you do not speak Italian. Dante Gold Coast can certainly help you with your language development so that you will be confident when you get there.

Living in Italy for 6 months per year as an Australian citizen is possible, but it requires planning and preparation. You will need to apply for a visa, obtain a codice fiscale, and adjust to the local culture.

However, the rewards of living in Italy, such as learning a new language, making new friends, and exploring a new country, are well worth the effort.

Brian Bell

Many people were disappointed to miss out on this presentation. Brian Bell's report is on this page and Deanna Nott's report of the afternoon is on Pagina 7. On our Web page you can also read the reports from Mark Hayward, Pat Hembrow and Rhonda Stokes. Lou Puggioni will repeat his presentation, with a few changes, at 2 p.m on Saturday 6th May. RSVP is necessary. Please phone Judith on: 0418768155 or email Giovanna on: gianna52@hotmail.com. (Flyer is on a separate page)

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It's Easy to Live La Dolce Vita - By Deanna Nott

The Società Dante Alighieri Gold Coast recently held an exciting and informative session on "La Dolce Vita in Italy" featuring guest speaker Lou Puggioni. More than 30 students and their friends attended the event, eager to learn about Lou's experiences of living in Italy for six months or more each year.

This event was a remarkable opportunity for attendees to gain insights and practical advice on how to live in Italy. As the lecture began, Lou shared his knowledge on how and why he chooses to live in Italy for such a significant amount of time. He talked about the legalities of living in Italy and the pros and cons of doing so.

One essential piece of advice that Lou gave to those hoping to stay longer than three months in Italy was to make an appointment with the Italian Consulate in Brisbane to acquire a visa or even a passport, if entitled. He also shared his thoughts on the beautiful food, wine, and welcoming people of Italy.

Lou's knowledge extended beyond a single region of Italy; he talked about all of the different regions of Italy, advising that it is easy to visit many places in the European Union if you are in Italy for extended period of time.

Following the session, the students enjoyed a delightful afternoon tea of tiramisu and espresso coffee, *'fatto a mano'* by our wonderful president Giovanna Santomauro. Many students had further questions for Lou and shared their own experiences of travelling to Italy with him. The event was an incredible success, and the students left with a newfound appreciation of the many opportunities and benefits of living in Italy.

Lou's lecture was not only informative but also inspiring. His passion for Italy was evident, and it left the students feeling excited about the prospect of exploring Italy's many regions. The Società Dante Alighieri, Gold Coast, hopes to host similar events in the future, giving its members the opportunity to learn from personalities like Lou Puggioni.

Deanna Nott



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Heather made her famous Cresciionda cake to celebrate Charlotte's birthday. Assolutamente deliziosa!

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**CONVERSAZIONE E CAFFE`
CON LUISA E AMICI**

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Luigi and Maria came from Brisbane to hear Lou's talk.

Thank you for the *fichi d'india* Tony. The fruit from the prickly pear is one of my favourite fruits. Thank you for cleaning them. I love to eat them but have never had to clean them. **Giovanna S**

