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President's Letter

Dear members

I hope you had a good Christmas and that 2022 will be bright and healthy. We have experienced difficult times over the last two years, and the danger is not over yet, however, let us take the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends, when we can, and look at the future with renewed hope.

Our **Summer Serata** fundraiser and Fashion Parade by Olivetta, was wonderful!! Raffle, *mercato* and mini-auction raised just over \$2000. Thank you to the organisers and supporters. We would appreciate your promoting our school to your friends. If you have a Facebook page I would appreciate your posting our flyer on there. They are attached with this newsletter.

This year we did not have our usual Befana celebrations in our rooms but decided to go out for lunch – **Pranzo della Befana**. Thank you to our webmaster Brian, for emailing out the invitation and information to all our members.

There are some mini courses running for the next two weeks and regular classes commence on the 31st January. In light of Queensland Government regulations our teachers are vaccinated. Please phone Rita on 55270797 if you have any questions about classes.

Please continue to check our Facebook page and our Website for current events. We are working on a programme of cultural and social events for our members and friends but it is not easy trying to make sure that everyone stays safe at the same time.

I would love to receive articles on an Italian theme for our newsletter. They can be in Italian or English.

Annual membership of \$20 for a person or \$25 for a family, is now due for renewal. You can go to our web and do it online. Current students will do it as part of their class enrolment. Grazie a tutti. Buon Anno.

Cordiali saluti
Cav. Giovanna Santomauro
Presidente



FREE English classes for Italian
Citizens.
For further information
please phone
Giovanna on 07 55395528.

DATE CLAIMER

14th January
Early Bird finishes

18th January
Enrolment in rooms
5 – 7 p.m.

31st January
Classes resume

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SCHOOL NEWS

Buon anno a tutti.

I hope you are all taking the time to treat yourself and enjoying yourself with family, friends and relaxation. At this time, with the increasing numbers of Omicron, I can assure you that our teachers are vaccinated and we intend to commence our year with face to face classes. We will do our utmost to ensure that our classes are sanitized, and social distancing is adhered to. If teachers or students are unwell, I would expect that you not come to class. Please notify me. As per last year, an online class can be organized for you with notice.

Prior to the commencement of classes, I will send a confirmation by email to each student with their class name, teacher and room as I have done in previous years.

Please take advantage of the Early-bird price paying by the 14th January or making the non-discounted price before the commencement of classes unless otherwise discussed with me.

I hope you all have a great start to the year!

Please call me on 55270797

Or Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com

Rita *School Director*

Mini courses through Jan 2022

It is still possible to join 2022 minicourses **with notice only**. Please complete the online enrolment form or call me.

Mini Course Title <u>2022</u>	Teacher	Offered AM/ PM
Let's Chat Level- Beg to Inter 1	Martina M	4.30-6.00 pm Tues
Italian Grammar Clinic Level- Adv to LCS	Martina M	10.00-12.00 Mon
In Viaggio con Dante Level- Adv- LCS	Martina M	10.00-12.00 Wed
Caccia ai Tesori Level- Inter 2 - LCS	Martina M	6.30-8.30pm Tues

'Early bird special': \$450

Includes \$20 annual membership for 1 person

**** Must be received on or before**

Friday 14th January 2022**

****Late direct debts will be at the higher rate.**

****After the 14th Jan 2022-**

\$450 + \$20 membership

Shorter Term payment amounts on website

Payment - Cash / Cheque / Direct Debit **

BSB 034216

Acct No 862414

****Use Surname as Reference of Payee**

Enrolment form

Every student either new or returning must complete a new enrolment form with their latest details please. It is extremely easy to complete online and returns to us immediately.

Teachers for Semester 1 2022

I have had a few enquiries from students about who the teacher will be for their class. I expect that there will be minimal changes however I cannot confirm anything until I know which classes have enough students in them to go ahead and then may need to make changes accordingly.

Private Classes

If you would like private classes this coming semester, early bookings would guarantee your preferred day and time. Please ring me to discuss this further. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns relating to the school

Important Course Dates for Semester 1 2022

Early bird special ends - Friday 14 January
Enrolments in Dante rooms - Tuesday 18 Jan
(5 p.m. – 7 p.m.)

Semester 1 - Term 1 commences 31 January
Easter break - 2 April- 18 April
Term 2 commences - 19 April
Semester ends - 18 June

COVID SAFETY PLAN (In English)

Again in 2022, our school will do the utmost to ensure the safety of our students. Following the directives of the Queensland Government, our teachers are fully vaccinated.

At present it is not compulsory for our students to be vaccinated but we highly recommend it.

Where possible social distancing will be maintained in the class between students who are not in the same family. Wearing a mask in class is not compulsory but students are invited to wear it, if this will make them and others safer, especially in group or pair work.

The tables will be cleaned by the teacher before each class and the room aired. For this reason we ask the students to wait in Piazza Dante for their teacher to invite them to enter when all is ready. The coffee break will be held in Piazza Dante, like last year. Students are asked to use the Dante toilet which is regularly cleaned and sanitized.

Zoom

Again in 2022, when a student is unable to participate in person in class because they are in isolation, in another state or even overseas, the school will make Zoom available so they can continue their class. Please give at least 24 hour's notice to the teacher and the School Director, Rita Lo Presti.

Illness

To ensure the safety of the class and the teacher, we ask students who have even mild symptoms to not participate in class but to use Zoom to ensure not missing the class. If a student becomes infected with Covid, we require the student to immediately contact the School Director and the teacher. We will totally respect the privacy of that student.

COVID SAFETY PLAN (in italiano)

Anche nel 2022 la nostra scuola s'impegnerà a garantire la sicurezza dei nostri studenti. Seguendo le direttive del governo del Queensland, i nostri insegnanti avranno completato le vaccinazioni prima dell'inizio delle classi regolari con la seconda o la terza dose. Al momento non è richiesta la vaccinazione degli studenti ma è vivamente consigliata.

Dove possibile, verrà mantenuta la distanza in classe tra gli studenti non appartenenti allo stesso nucleo familiare. La mascherina in classe non è obbligatoria ma gli studenti sono invitati ad usarla, se questo li rende più sicuri, specialmente nei lavori di gruppo, o in coppia.

I tavoli verranno puliti dall'insegnante prima di ogni classe e l'aula fatta arieggiare. A tal fine gli studenti sono invitati ad aspettare in Piazza Dante l'invito dell'insegnante ad entrare in classe.

La pausa caffè, come l'anno scorso, verrà fatta all'aperto in Piazza Dante.

Gli studenti sono invitati ad usare solo il bagno indicato dalla scuola che viene regolarmente pulito e sanificato"

Zoom

“Anche nel 2022, nel caso in cui lo studente non potesse partecipare alla classe perché in quarantena, in un altro stato o perché all'estero, la scuola garantisce la possibilità di continuare le classi usando la piattaforma Zoom. Si prega di dare un preavviso di almeno 24 ore all'insegnante ed alla Direttrice della scuola Rita Lo Presti.”

Malattia

“Per garantire la sicurezza della classe e dell'insegnante, si pregano gli studenti anche solo con leggeri sintomi, di non partecipare alle classi in presenza ma, eventualmente, di usare la piattaforma Zoom per non perdere la classe. Se uno studente dovesse contrarre il Covid 19, lo si prega di darne tempestiva comunicazione alla Direttrice della scuola (o all'insegnante) che, nel più totale rispetto della privacy dello studente, provvederà al caso.

SUMMER SERATA

Thank you to the organisers of the Summer Serata – **Le Nonne** – Luisa, Clelia, June, Rena and the other workers Janette King, Julie Livingston and the wonderful people who donated goods and their time for this fundraiser for the Dante Alighieri Society Gold Coast. Thank you to the wonderful supporters who bought raffle tickets, items from the **Mercatino di Natale** and bid at the auction. Thank you to auctioneer, Peter Lewis from THE STING. The function was going to be in Dante rooms but was moved to the G.C.I.A.C. Thank you Robyn Wallace.



SUMMER SERATA

Joseph Patane
Italian Entertainer
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Ph. 0422415137

**Thank you to the organisers:**

Julie Livingston, Clelia Zilli, Rena Cecco, June Moro, Luisa Liussi

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Mariette Anna Stradiotto – ALDA R.I.P.

Our dear member Mariette Alda passed away on the 29th December. There was a beautiful ceremony to celebrate her life at the Sacred Heart Church, in Clear Island Waters and it was wonderful to see all the people dressed in so many beautiful colours as per Mariette's request. She wanted everyone to wear the colours of the rainbow and said "Do not be sad, when you see a butterfly remember me and be happy".



Mariette was our Public Relations Officer and always had the promotion of the Italian language and culture at heart. As a small token of our appreciation for her work for the Society, we presented Marietta with Life Membership 15 years ago at her 80th birthday party. Mariette's interviews featured in our July 2018 and July 2020 newsletters. You can see them on our website – www.dantegoldcoast.com.au Please look them up. There are some beautiful words there. We extend our condolences to her family.



Presentation of Life Membership at Marietta's 80th birthday party.



Mariette with her beautiful daughter Sonia and Councillor Bob La Castra at Dante's 25th Anniversary in 2014.

Mariette with *le nonne* Luisa Liussi, Giovanna Santomauro and June Moro for lunch at the GCIAC.

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**Martina ha portato i ciocciolatini.
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IL PRANZO DELLA BEFANA 6/1/2022



Gerard Wilkes, Tony Carnovale e John Santomauro



**Seduti - Pamela Conway, Anna Domaneschi, Deb e Peter Heiner,
David Elliston e Jean McNeilly. In piedi - Gerard Wilkes, Martina
Medda, Giovanna e John Santomauro**

**2022 DANTE MEMBERSHIP IS
NOW DUE FOR RENEWAL.**