



DANTE NEWS GOLD COAST

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LETTERA DEL PRESIDENTE

DATE CLAIMER

Monday 10th July - Italian classes resume

Friday 14th July
“Caffe` e Conversazione” resumes

Friday 28th July – Ladies Lunch GCIAC

Saturday 12th August - Meet the author

Friday 8th September - Serata and Mercatino

Dear members and friends

Hope you are all keeping well in this cooler weather. Many of our members are presently in Italy or have just returned. We hope to organise an information session for them to share their experiences.

We have just finished the school break and all classes resume the week starting 10th July. There were insufficient numbers to start new “Italian for Travellers” courses and I ask for your help in promoting these for us. Our minimum number for a course is 6. Any past students who have had a break and would like to rejoin a class please contact Rita.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this newsletter and the wonderful photos of our students and non student members at end of term presentations, Mini Courses and Social occasions. Our student Deanna Nott wrote about her wonderful Italian experiences. We will continue with “Pagina di Jaquie” in other newsletters.

Thank you to Luisa, Leslie and everyone working on our Fundraiser “**Serata e Mercatino**” for 8th September. Thank you to everyone donating gifts for the raffle or the mercatino. More information in the next newsletter.

Our next Social event for Dante members and friends, is on the 12th August. “**Meet the Author**” See the Flyer.

Please give us your suggestions for Cultural and Social events you would be interested in attending.

I did not go to the 84th Dante Alighieri Society International Conference which was held in Argentina last month but have put a few words by our **Segretario Generale, Alessandro Masi** on *Pagina 5*.

Cordiali saluti

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Ciao a tutti,

Classes-

Semester 1 saw excellent numbers of students enrolling in our courses. Enrolments for Semester 2 have been slow, and I find myself cancelling classes due to the low numbers enrolled. Corresponding with students, there are many factors that are affecting students returning in semester 2, financial reasons, holidays in Europe, changes at work and just wanting a break; are some of these reasons.

Thank you to everyone who took advantage of the Early bird price and enrolled.

We are happy to have back past students who would like to return. We hope that we have a level for you. As we cancel classes due to low numbers, there is less choice of levels to join unfortunately.

End of Semester dinner-

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the dinner at Origano's at Merrimac, but I heard the food and company were great! See the photos below.

Mini courses

Grazie to all who participated in the mini courses over the break. **Grazie also to Martina** for offering these.

Semester 1 and 2 Dates

Semester 2 - Term 1 10 July - 15 September
Term 2 2 October - 24 November
September holidays - 16 Sept – 1 Oct

Private Classes

If you are interested in private classes, the prices and the online form are available on the website.

Any questions or concerns about the school, please call me on **07 5527 0797** or email me at:

info@dantegoldcoast.com

Rita

School Director





Siamo pronte! Buon semestre a tutti!

Our teachers are getting ready for the next semester.

In the photo, from the left, Francesca Parato, Rita Lo Presti (School Director) Charlotte Petrucci, Martina Medda and Ilaria Villani.

Please contact our school director on **07 55270797** for information about the courses and class teachers.



***Studenti al lavoro
Durante i mini corsi
invernali.***

Ben fatto!

**Students at work
During the Winter
Mini Courses.**

Well done!



BUON COMPLEANNO

**DANTE LIFE MEMBER
TONY CARNOVALE**

Caffe` e dolci con Pamela
Conway, Judith Roberts,
Giovanna e John Santomauro.



End of term for Monday night students

Andrea Capone and the Monday morning students tasting Giovanna's tiramisu`



L' 84° Congresso della Società Dante Alighieri



si è svolto a Rosario in Argentina. Il Segretario Generale, Alessandro Masi, ha detto: *“L’italiano non è una lingua coloniale né di affari ma è una lingua amata, parlata nel mondo, accogliente e che porta con sé un messaggio di umanesimo e di pace: è una lingua-mondo che vive ovunque arriva la cultura italiana.*

LADIES LUNCH
FRIDAY 28TH JULY - 12PM
WEAR YOUR BEST PINK
Starter Bruschetta
Main Lasagne & Salad
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
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\$25
Music Trivia PRIZE RAFFLES
Ladies Lunch
FRIDAY 28TH JULY

Serata con Mercatino

Friday, 08 September 2023 at 6pm

You are invited to join us for an evening of **fun** for **fundraising** for the **Gold Coast Dante Alighieri Italian Language School**

VENUE: Italo-Australian Club Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters

COST (to be announced)

Includes:

- . plate of assaggini
- . live music
- . fashion parade
- . lucky door prizes
- . raffles
- . Mercatino on the verandah.

Money raised will support teaching of Italian at the Dante Language School.



Lesley McCrae jotting down ideas for fundraiser.

Tuscany Tales: A Culinary Journey in the Heart of Italy – Story 1 of *La Vacanza in Italia* 23

By Deanna Nott

Ciao! Thank you for the opportunity to again share our adventures in Italy with you all. This time will be different ... we are senza ragazzi, so our tips and tricks are focused on couples and singles with a love of La Dolce Vita. Our pix can be found on Instagram @aussiesinitalia and match the stories I will share with you all.

Get ready to briefly immerse yourself in the flavours and experiences of Tuscany as we share the highlights of five days in this enchanting region. From picturesque vineyards to mouth-watering cuisine, Tuscany has truly captured our hearts and taste buds.

Cheers to Tuscany's Finest After a warm welcome to Tuscany, we indulged in an exquisite aperitivo at our new home (for five nights) - a Tuscan Superior Room in the gorgeous, highly sought-after Villa I Barronci. This stunning villa, nestled amidst vineyards, offered a truly Italian experience. We sipped Campari Spritz, enjoyed zero-kilometre delicacies, and marvelled at the breathtaking views. Villa I Barronci is the perfect place to unwind and soak in the Tuscan atmosphere. We booked via booking.com. Next time we will stay at Villa Il Poggiale – just next door. We visited briefly and it is equally beautiful, offering a slightly more exclusive yet rustic experience.

Address: Villa I Barronci - Via Sorripa, 10, 50026 San Casciano in Val di Pesa FI, Italy

To Beef or Not to Beef? Always Beef! Our Tuscan culinary adventure began in the charming town of Greve in Panzano. I had heard about a gastronomic gem called Dario Cecchini thanks to fellow Dante student Lesley, who had kindly given me her Lonely Planet guide to Tuscany. Known for its delectable beef dishes, this lively restaurant, @dariocecchinimacellaio, should be at the top of every bistecca lover's list. We pre-booked for the Officina della Bistecca – 50 Euro per person with wine included in abundance. We started with fatto a mano Crudo (Beef Tartar), then the piatti didn't stop! Carpaccio di Culo (carpaccio rump), Bistecca Panzanese, Bistecca Fiorentina, Fagioli, Patate, Digestivo and my favourite...the Bread with Panzano butter, which was really LARD...SO DIVINE... We relished in the fun atmosphere with about a dozen other couples from across the globe...naturally the only other Australians were sitted across from us. *Take note* – some of the courses reflected the different cuts of beef – i.e., some were 'melt in the mouth', others chewy but still tasty! Located in the heart of Greve in Panzano, this lunch experience is a must-have for your itinerary.

- Address: Dario Cecchini - Via XX Luglio, 11, 50022 Panzano in Chianti FI, Italy

Unforgettable Nights in San Casciano and the Chianti Region It's essential to have a hire car in Tuscany... The views and driving are amazing.... At Trattoria da Bule, we discovered a hidden locale treasure. We highly recommend indulging in their delectable pici pasta and anchovies with cipolla (Tropea red onions). The warm hospitality and authentic flavours left a lasting impression.

We also loved our visit to Il Gatto Re Osteria in San Casciano's Centro Storico. The family-owned restaurant was full of local specialties including Lampredotto – made from the fourth and final stomach of the cow!!! – with artichokes. He kindly gave a try of this because he said if we were to be truly Tuscan we must love it...but our real favourites were the ravioli with walnuts, lavender and pecorino (yes...real lavender), the fegatini – home-made pate and the slow cooked pork with apple and grappa.

- Address: Trattoria da Bule - Bargino – 50026 - San Casciano in Val di Pesa FI, Italy
- Address: Il Gatto Re - Via Niccolò Machiavelli, 34, 50026 – San Casciano in Val di Pesa FI, Italy

Shopping Delights and Drops of Wine No trip to Tuscany would be complete without a visit to The Mall Outlets, a haven for fashion enthusiasts seeking designer bargains. After a delightful shopping spree at Gucci (some items more than half price), we embarked on a wine tasting afternoon exploration at Marchesi Antinori and Villa Le Corti. Chianti Classico was on the menu – 80% must be the sangiovese grape to make it DOC.

- The Mall Outlets - Via Europa, 8, 50066 Leccio Reggello FI, Italy

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Exploring Charming Towns With everything close by we were able to visit so many beautiful towns. We especially liked driving to Radda in Chianti and Castellina in Chianti. These destinations provided glimpses of Tuscany's timeless beauty, from medieval architecture to breathtaking vineyard landscapes. We indulged in a 'superior experience' at Chianti's largest winery – producing between 600,000 and 800,000 bottles a year - Castello di Albola...you must book the five-course degustazione with matching high end wines. Visit - Albola.it for details and to book!

With bellies full and hearts brimming with memories, we bid farewell to Tuscany, promising to return soon. The enchanting region captivated us with its culinary delights, warm hospitality, and breathtaking scenery. Grazie mille, Tuscany, for a truly meraviglioso experience! We are now off to Vinci, Lucca and Lericci!



Film morning and lunch in the Dante rooms during the school holidays



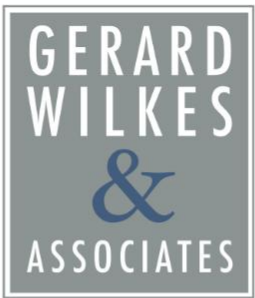
Students learn how to make Giovanna's tiramisu'



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Italian ladies at lunch at the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club. They meet every Friday at 12 noon. If you would like to join us please phone me On 07 5539 5528 to confirm that they are meeting the day you wish to come. **Giovanna**

CAFFE` E CONVERSAZIONE

VENERDI 14 LUGLIO 2023
DALLE 10.30 ALLE 11.30
AL GOLD COAST ITALO
AUSTRALIAN CLUB

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