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LETTERA DEL PRESIDENTE

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ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL BRISBANE
21 September – 16th October
www.italianfilmfestival.com.au

SENIORS' WEEK FREE CONCERT
1st October
RSVP 23/9/22 Ph. 07 55395528

Dear members,

I hope you are keeping well. Many of our members are in Italy at present and we look forward to hearing some of their stories when they return. In this newsletter I am including some photos of our students who went to improve their Italian experience in a school in Italy. Our students can get discounted courses at some schools in Italy.

The Italian Film Festival starts in Brisbane on the 21st September. Please go on their site to see which films you may wish to see. On the 1st October we are hosting a free concert at the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club. The new Italian Consul, Luna Angelini Marinucci will be attending this event and is looking forward to meeting some of our members and the Gold Coast Italian community.

Congratulations to the new Italian Ambassador to Australia, Paolo Crudele. We wish him well. Cordiali saluti,

Giovanna



“ Inizio la mia missione a Canberra con entusiasmo, orgoglioso di servire l'Italia e consapevole delle responsabilità che tale missione implica. Il mio massimo impegno sarà dedicato alla valorizzazione della comunità italiana in Australia e al rafforzamento delle eccellenti relazioni politiche, economiche, scientifiche e culturali tra i nostri due Paesi. ”

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Ciao a tutti,

Our regular classes continue well. We have had many more people enquiring and requesting private classes. If you would like to have some private classes, ensure that you have several days and times available. Our normal classes will always have priority for use of the rooms.

Modern Language Teachers Association of Queensland - Gold Coast Speech Contest

Sunday 21st August saw the annual Speech contest at Gold Coast Griffith University. All students learning languages taught in Primary and High schools came together for the competition of speeches. Scott Ham from Somerset College and myself were the convenors for the Italian division. We both have been the convenors for close to 20 years!!

It was great to see the enthusiasm of the students as they practiced their speech for the last time before going in to face the judges. As always the judges have the most difficult job of all. Thank you to all the Italian judges for their time again this year.

First prize results of the day

- Year 4 - Somerset College
- Year 5 - Somerset College
- Year 6 - Biggera Waters State School
- Year 7- Somerset College
- Year 8 – Somerset College
- Year 9 - Somerset College
- Year 10 - Coombabah State High School



Mini Courses for the September Break

There will be no mini-courses this break however teachers are in the process of discussing with their classes if they wish to do an **Xtra classe** targeted to the students' needs in the first week of the break. Your teacher will then set the topic. It is hoped that as many as possible will join in for this class. It is imperative that the course is prepaid by Wednesday 14th September. There is a minimum of 4 students required for the class to go ahead. 5 or more students \$25 for 2 hours, otherwise time will be reduced to 1.5hrs with fewer numbers.

Important Course Dates

Semester 2

* Mid-semester break – 17th September to 2nd October *

Course ends - Friday 25th November

New Course starting- Italian for Travellers

Please let your family and friends know that a new 8 week Italian for Travellers course will commence immediately after the September break. They can contact me for further information.

Any questions or concerns about the school, please call me on 55270797 or email me: info@dantegoldcoast.com

Rita Lo Presti – School Director



Italian Conveners Scott Ham and Rita Lo Presti.

Awards presenters for Italian, Russian, (MC) and French.

STUDENTS AT SCHOOL IN ITALY

Lesley and Jos sent these photos and a little blurb (below). Our students receive discounted fees at this school. www.scuoladantealighieri.org

“Well I can say the school is very well run, the classrooms are bright and modern and the school also provides many trip options after school hours to places not too far by bus to places like Porto Recanati, Ancona, Loreto, Conero and Sirolo. Also some very long trips to Assisi, San Marino, Florence, Pisa and Siena, the Vatican in Rome, Bologna, Venice and Naples and Capri.

We went on the closer ones but had seen most of the other places and it was just a huge day with some of them. For the very long ones the school lesson next day was from 3pm to 7pm. There is plenty of choice in the piazza for drinks and dinner, so a wonderful experience all round. Recanati is an historical town in the Marche region The famous poet Giacomo Leopardi was born and lived there. The school is called **Campus L'infinito** inside the walled town. At the end of the course there was an International night where students prepared meals from their country”.



Il Gran Teatro La Fenice di Venezia è uno dei teatri d'opera più significativi del mondo e probabilmente il più bello. Poco prima delle nove del 29 gennaio 1996 scoppiò un incendio.

La Fenice aveva chiuso per lavori di ristrutturazione nel 1995. A quel tempo, il canale lungo la sua facciata posteriore fu sigillato e drenato in modo che limo e fanghi potessero essere rimossi per la prima volta in 40 anni. Questo canale avrebbe dovuto fornire l'acqua per spegnere il fuoco.

Due barche dei pompieri navigarono verso un canale vicino, ma le manichette antincendi non erano abbastanza lunghe per aggirare gli edifici vicini. I pompieri le hanno trascinate attraverso la finestra della cucina di un famoso ristorante, "Antico Martini", e attraverso le finestre di alcune case vicine ma la pressione dell'acqua era troppo bassa per fare l'effetto voluto. La polizia ha avuto difficoltà per aprire la porta d'ingresso, un agente di polizia ha sparato tre colpi di pistola per aprirla, così sono potuti entrare, ma ormai era troppo tardi.

Circa alle 22, la più grande barca dei pompieri della città arrivò posizionandosi un po' lontano dal fuoco. Cercarono di congiungere le varie manichette per raggiungere La Fenice ma erano di diverse misure e perdevano molta acqua. Verso le 23, un elicottero arrivò, raccogliendo acqua dalla foce del Canal Grande la verso sul fuoco, ma il fuoco continuò a bruciare fuori controllo almeno sino alle tre del mattino.

Ormai, il magnifico lampadario di cristallo era caduto, il tetto dell'auditorium era crollato, le fiamme si alzavano a 150 piedi, enormi pezzi di brace ardente cadevano sui tetti vicini.

Il sindaco della città, che era in ultima analisi responsabile, dichiarò che il teatro dell'opera sarebbe stato ricostruito "com'era, dov'era". Questo era il motto usato quando il campanile di Piazza San Marco crollò nel 1905. Le indagini hanno dimostrato che gli allarmi antincendio erano stati spenti, che i materiali infiammabili non erano stati conservati correttamente, che le porte blindate erano state lasciate sbloccate, che le persone non autorizzate avevano facile accesso alla proprietà, che potenti lampade di calore erano state lasciate accese per asciugare macchie di stucco, la cucina improvvisata poteva essere spostata da una stanza all'altra per fornire cibo ai lavoratori.

Le lettere inviate un anno prima, sei mesi prima dell'incendio, affermavano che nessun canale doveva essere drenato fino a quando non fosse stato fornito un approvvigionamento idrico alternativo. Queste lettere sono state ignorate. Venezia fu salvata solo perché non c'era vento quella notte

Jaquie Shelton – Classe di Lingua Cultura e Società

The Grand Teatro La Fenice in Venice is one of the most significant opera houses in the world and arguably the most beautiful. Just before 9 pm on 29 January 1996, fire broke out.

La Fenice had closed for renovations in 1995. At that time, the canal along its rear façade was sealed off and drained so that silt and sludge could be removed for the first time in 40 years. This canal should have supplied the water to douse the fire.

Two fireboats navigated to a nearby canal but their hoses were not long enough to go around the nearby buildings. Firemen dragged the hoses through the kitchen window of the famous Antico Martini restaurant and through the windows of some nearby houses but the water pressure was too low to have any effect. Police struggled with the massive front door but it would not open. One officer fired 3 shots and so they entered but it was too late.

At about 10pm a city's big fire boat pulled up some distance away and hoses were joined to reach La Fenice but the hoses were of different gauges and leaked significantly. After 11pm a helicopter started dropping water scooped up from the entrance to the Grand Canal but the fire kept burning out of control until 3 am.

The magnificent crystal chandelier had fallen, the roof of the auditorium had collapsed, flames shot 150 feet into the air and huge chunks of burning embers fell on the nearby roofs.

The Mayor of the city, who was ultimately responsible, declared that the opera house would be rebuilt "As it was, where it was". This was the motto used when the Bell Tower in St Mark's Square collapsed in 1905. Investigations showed the smoke alarms had been switched off, flammable materials were not properly stored, security doors were left unlocked, unauthorised people had easy access to the property, powerful heat lamps were left on to dry out patches of stucco, and a makeshift kitchen was allowed to be moved from room to room to provide food to the workers.

Letters sent a year earlier and 6 months before the fire stated that no canal should be drained until an alternate water supply was sourced. These were ignored. Venice was only saved because there was no wind that evening.

Jaquie Shelton – Lingua Cultura e Società class



Tantissimi auguri per il tuo compleanno Deanna. Era una bella festa. Ti auguriamo una fantastica vacanza in Italia.



Tantissimi auguri per il tuo compleanno Anna.



CAFFE' E CONVERSAZIONE



Ci siamo incontrate per un caffè e due chiacchiere al Gold Coast Italo Australian Club, venerdì, il 5 agosto. Tutti sono benvenuti a fare due chiacchiere con noi, non solo le donne!! Il prossimo appuntamento per un CAFFE' E DUE CHIACCHIERE sarà venerdì 9 settembre al Gold Coast Italo Australian Club. Fatemi sapere se potete venire. Non voglio essere l'unica ad andarci! Tel Giovanna 07 55395528



Pausa per il caffè alla Dante. Nella foto, molto eleganti, i nostri studenti Elisabetta, Gerardo e Giuditta. Grazie della foto Martina!!

Aspetto altre foto e storie da tutti voi per le prossime edizioni del nostro Dante News Gold Coast. Potete mandare in italiano o in inglese qualsiasi cosa utile o interessante. Grazie.

Giovanna (Editore)

Aumento di Stipendio

Una donna di servizio chiede alla padrona di casa un aumento di stipendio.

- Signora, ho bisogno di un aumento.

La signora, molto irritata, chiede:

- Maria, perchè pensa di meritare un aumento? In fondo lavora qui soltanto da 3 mesi.

- Signora, ci sono tre ragioni per le quali penso di meritarmi un aumento. In primo luogo io stiro il vestiario meglio della signora.

- Chi è stato che lo ha detto?

- Lo ha detto il padrone. In secondo luogo io cucino meglio della signora.

- Che assurdità! Chi può aver detto questo?

- E' stato il padrone che lo ha detto. In terzo luogo io sono migliore della signora anche a letto

- Brutta carogna. Ed è stato mio marito a dire anche questo?

- No signora, è stato l'autista...

- Quanto vuoi di aumento ????

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ITALIAN MASS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

This has been suspended for 3 months while Padre Angelo is on sabbatical for 6 months. Fr Savino Bernardi, a Scalabrinian priest from Sydney, will supply the Italian Sunday Mass for the months of October, November and December 2022, starting on the 2nd October at 4 p.m.

PELLEGRINAGGIO ANNUALE IN ONORE DI SAN PADRE PIO DI PIETRELICINA SABATO 17 SETTEMBRE 2022 MARIAN VALLEY CANUNGRA

PROGRAMMA

10.30 a.m. – Santo Rosario
11 00 a.m. – Via Crucis
12.30 p.m. - Santa Messa
Pranzo al sacco.



R.I.P Ursula Nocerino

It is with great sadness that I'm sorry to advise that our past teacher and committee member, Ursula Nocerino, passed away on the 13th August. I went to a farewell occasion for her at the home of her son Mario. There were other Dante student members present and we reminisced about the happy times. We will organise a farewell memorial at the Dante later in the year for the members who knew Ursula and would like a chance to share memories. Thank you Brian Bell for sending me more than 90 photos of Ursula



This is a photo of the 2009 Dante Committee.
Ursula Nocerino is standing in the middle (behind me)
Maxine, Ursula and Elena wearing red, white and green

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