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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear members

First of all I would like to congratulate our hardworking secretary, Anna Domaneschi, who received a Moncrieff Award from the Hon. Steven Ciobo M P. Thank you to the members who went to the ceremony. (Photos on Pagina 3)

We are coming to the end of another busy year. We will finish our regular classes on Friday 24th November. That night we will be having our end of year Christmas party "Apericena" for all our members, not just student members. Details are on Pagina 2 and on the website. There is also a flyer in Aula 2 for people to add their names. Please RSVP to Rita on 55270797 by the 20th November if you don't have the opportunity to add your name to the list in Aula 2.

Gino and June Moro went to Rome in September and found some special spots that not everyone knows about. I have shared their thoughts on Pagina 7. If you have any hints information or suggestions for our members travelling in Italy we would appreciate you sharing this with us.

I thank everyone who helped in any way in the success of our celebration of "La Settimana della Lingua Italiana nel Mondo". From the setting up on the Friday to the clearing up on Saturday afternoon. Thank you Connie for your interesting talk on Italian Cinema, the story of Toto and a summary of the movie shown, one of my favourites!

Thank you to everyone who contributed articles for this newsletter and to the Dante members who are always committed to promoting the Italian Language and Culture. Cordiali saluti,

Giovanna.



PRESIDENT: Giovanna Santomauro 5539 5528

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<https://www.instagram.com/dantegoldcoast/>

www.ladante.it/associati

(discounts in Italy for members)

DATE CLAIMER 2017

Friday, 24th November

End of Second semester courses

End of year Christmas party

THE GOLD COAST

ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB

18 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters

Ph: 5575 1966

www.italoaustralianclub.com.au

HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

11 a.m. – 2p.m. 5 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

Friday 11 a.m. till late

Saturday 4 p.m. till late

Tuesday 7th November 11 a.m.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to our last term of the year. Thank you to Charlotte and Martina for running some great Conversation classes for Beginners to Advanced during the break. You will see that they will be offering more of these over the summer break.

Course Dates for Semester 2 2017

Recommended- Monday 2 October

Course concludes- Friday 24 November

Important Dates

Friday 17 November - Cut-off date for Summer mini courses registration

Friday 24 November - Student Certificate Night & Dante Christmas Party

Student Certificate Night

This will take place prior to the Dante Christmas party on Friday 24 November. Students from Introduction to Beginners 3, receive a Certificate of Attendance. If you are unable to attend, you can on request, have it presented at the last lesson. If you are a student of a higher level, you also can receive a certificate on request.

Dante Christmas Party – *Serata Apericena*



Following the certificate presentation, in the “White Room”, the Dante Christmas party begins. This is a relaxed, social evening.

We have organized an *aperitivo* on arrival, Christmas Trivia, Christmas carols and songs. Wear something Christmassy which coincidentally are Italian colours!!! We hope that as many as possible of our students and Dante members attend for an enjoyable night. Free for members or \$10 for non-members.

If you have any questions or concerns-
please call me on 55270797

Or Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com

Rita
School Director

Summer Mini Courses 2017-2018



These will be advertised in Aula 1 on the whiteboard and can be found on the Dante website.

Please ensure you have registered your name by *Friday 17 November* if interested in one of these. Place your name on the list or contact me informing me which course, time and your contact details.

As you can understand, it is very difficult chasing people up over the festive season. *You will need to decide well ahead* as it will not be possible to decide a day before a class. *We need to know numbers of those interested* to establish the courses that will go ahead. The others will be cancelled.

Mini courses ***must be paid prior to commencement***. If the course is cancelled, you will get a full refund.

For further information go to the website. Please register in Aula 1-Dante rooms or ring me.

End of Semester Test

Over the past few semesters, the end of semester test has created a lot of fear and anxiety for many students. However, it was students that asked us to provide some form of assessment to see if they had acquired the concepts covered throughout the semester. At the last teachers meeting, we decided that this test was an optional one. Those students who want to take the test will be asked to come 15 minutes earlier to class to commence the test. It will be corrected in class and then the lesson will commence. If you have any concerns about this, please contact me.

End of Semester Survey

Students will be given a Dante survey to complete in relation to the Dante, classes and teacher performance. It is very important that we get real feedback from students so we can change and improve our school. Your opinions will be treated confidentially.

L'ANGOLO DELLA POESIA

(a cura di Connie Canale)

La Primavera

Quando la terra
 è giovane e fresca,
 quando la testa
 è piena di festa,
 quando la terra
 ride contenta,
 quando di erba
 profuma il vento,
 quando di menta
 profuma la sera,
 è Primavera.

Roberto Piumini



Fiona Basile, Belinda Sina and Patricia Simpson



Astrid Pennisi

2017 MONCRIEFF COMMUNITY AWARDS

Congratulations to our Secretary, Anna Domaneschi who received a Moncrieff Award from the Hon. Steven Ciobo MP . As Secretary for the Gold Coast Dante Alighieri Society, Anna writes all the correspondence to Italian authorities in Australia and in Italy and is always willing to help anyone needing explanation of Italian bureaucratic paperwork. She is also a volunteer for the Community Association, Co.As.It. She has worked at the Italian Embassy in Wellington (New Zealand), Italian Consulate in Brisbane and at the Italian Representative at the United Nations in New York. We are very fortunate to have her as our Secretary. **Auguri Anna.**



Hon. Steven Ciobo MP with Anna Domaneschi.



Susanna Konigsberg, Anna Domaneschi, Judith Roberts and Connie Canale.

I would like to share something with you – may be interesting? **Deirdre Pullen**

<http://www.traveller.com.au/six-of-the-best-italian-gourmet-towns-gyetin>

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ITALIAN SPOKEN

NOTABLE AUSTRALIANS OF ITALIAN HERITAGE (9)

CARLO GIORGIO ENRICO CATANI (1852 – 1918)

Carlo Catani was a civil engineer who was born in Florence, Italy, son of Enrico Catani, a merchant, and mother Augusta. He was educated at the Technical Institute of Florence and graduated as a civil engineer. After graduation, he worked in railways construction.

Life in Italy was hard at that time so in 1876 with two of his friends - Pietro Baracchi and Ettore Cecchi – he decided to migrate to New Zealand thinking there would be more opportunities there. Once there, all three found out that there was little work in their professions in New Zealand. Hearing that there may be more opportunities in Australia they decided to migrate to Melbourne hoping to find work in mining. However, within a few weeks the three of them had found jobs within The Department of Lands and Survey, with Catani and Cecchi in the Department of Lands and Survey as draftsmen, and Baracchi as an assistant at the Melbourne Observatory.

In 1880 Catani was registered as a surveyor. Two years later he and Cecchi transferred to the Public Works Department as engineering draughtsmen, preparing plans for harbours, jetties, and coastal works. By 1886 they were both assistant engineers. That year Catani married Catherine Hanley, the daughter of an Irish farmer. In 1892, he became an Australian citizen. Also in that year, he was promoted as head of his department. One of the projects under his direction was the draining of the Koo-Wee-Rup swamp, in West Gippsland. He found the contractors were doing very unsatisfactory work, so he devised a system of using the labour of unemployed married men who were offered small farms on the newly drained land. It was a mixed success but at least the work got finished in 1897. Catani took a personal interest in this project and got to know on a personal level many of the men who worked on it. A new township sprang up there and was named after him “Catani”.

Next Catani worked on improving and widening the Yarra River, Melbourne, upstream from Princes Bridge. In 1896, due to his urging, the scope of the flood mitigation programme was greatly enlarged. In winter, he began to plant elms, oaks, and poplars along the left bank on the newly formed Alexandra Avenue. The river was then extended upstream to Cremorne railway bridge which included the road bridge at Anderson Street. Under Catani’s direction the Public Works Department planned and laid out the Alexandra Gardens.

Catani’s other works included roads to Arthur’s Seat and to Mount Donna Buang, the draining of Kow Swamp, the Elster Canal, the River Murray levees in the Strathmerton district, and drainage at Framlingham, as well as collaborating in the opening-up of the Mount Buffalo Plateau and the damming there of Eurobin Creek to form the lake which bears his name: “Lake Catani”.

Catani’s last major project was the reclamation of the foreshore of St. Kilda. He was an original member of the St. Kilda Foreshore Trust which was set up in 1906. He retired in 1917 but continued to be a government representative and designed the landscaping of the beach end of Fitzroy Street. This was later named the “Catani Gardens”. He was also responsible for the foreshore works right up to Point Ormond.

In 1914 Catani and his family moved from Armadale to St. Kilda. He never did return to Italy. He died at St. Kilda in 1918. Catani had three sons and three daughters. One son was killed in action in 1916. Sir Kingsley Norris recalled Catani as a remarkable, courteous, and kind natured man who “saw possibilities to which others were blind”, and so full of energy and imagination. A bronze bust of Carlo Catani can be found at the foot of Scheffer’s Memorial Clock Tower on the St. Kilda Esplanade and was called “Catani” after him.

Connie Canale.

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INTERVISTA A VIRGINIA LAMB – **DIRECTOR OF DANTE GC CHOIR**



Chi è Virginia?

La moglie di Giovanni, la mamma di Andrea, la suocera di Holli e la nonna di Ethan.

Dove sei nata?

Sono nata a Sydney.

Da quanto tempo abiti sulla Gold Coast?

Siamo qui da parecchi anni. Siamo arrivati da Brisbane nel 1985.

Dove hai conosciuto il tuo compagno di vita?

Ho conosciuto John a Brisbane attraverso amici reciproci. Siamo sposati già da 42 anni.

Ora sei nonna, vero. Ci parli della tua famiglia?

Ho una piccola famiglia. Mi sento molto vicina a mio fratello Pietro e a sua moglie, Adele. Continuo ad essere in contatto con i loro figli, i miei quattro nipoti.

A marzo abbiamo trascorso una vacanza in famiglia con nostro figlio, sua moglie ed il nostro nipotino. La vacanza a Shanghai e a Hong Kong e` stata splendida.

Quali studi hai fatto?

Tutti i miei studi si sono sviluppati nell'educazione infantile.

Qual'era il tuo ultimo posto di lavoro?

Sono stata insegnante della scuola materna per 25 anni. Per 16 anni sono stata direttrice della scuola elementare.

Ora sei in pensione. Ti manca il tuo lavoro?

Ahhh no, no, no! Secondo me sono andata in pensione al momento giusto.

Come ti occupi adesso?

Fortunamente trascorro del tempo con il nipotino Ethan. Amo giocare con lui, leggergli storie e apprezzo i momenti quando mi rendo conto che impara e capisce quello che sto insegnandogli.

Imparo l'italiano alla Scuola Dante. Canto nel coro italiano, formato l'anno scorso. Frequento un corso di Pilates....sono membro di un Book Club....passo del tempo con amici stretti...lavoro a maglia...infatti faccio molte cose che amo fare. In piu` abbiamo una piccola casa in Tasmania, che visitiamo regolarmente dove passo un sacco di tempo in giardino. E poi amo cucinare.

Come mai questa passione per il tutto italiano?

Amo la gente, il paese, la lingua, il cibo ... e la musica! E` tutto affascinante.

Cucinare o mangiare fuori?

Preferirei cucinare piuttosto che mangiare cibo ordinario in un ristorante.

Musica moderna o musica classica per te?

Non musica dello stesso tipo....una variet`.(Preferisco musica mista)

Un personaggio che inviteresti a casa tua per cena?

Vorrei avere mia madre e mio padre (che sono deceduti`) ad una cena di famiglia con tutti i nipoti e le loro famiglie.

Completa: "Non potrei stare senza" Mio marito!!!! Pazzesco!

In due parole: "La vita e`.....' un viaggio affascinante

Luisa Liussi

2018 ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES IN ITALY

Societa` Dante Alighieri – Bologna – Firenze – Milano – Roma – www.ladante.it for information.

Scuola Campus l'Infinito, Recanati, Italia (previously in Camerino) **922 Euro** - special price for Australian students: 4 weeks language course, activities and shared accommodation. Special promotion **798 Euro** for the months of **March, April, November** and **December** (Limited numbers). There is also a "Corso di Gastronomia Italiana" For further information you can check out their web site - www.scuoladantealighieri.org or email them on info@scuoladantealighieri.org

17TH EDITION OF “LA SETTIMANA DELLA LINGUA ITALIANA NEL MONDO”

Evento cinematografico italiano 14 ottobre 2017. Welcome to the screening of the classic Italian feature film Totò, Peppino e La Malafemmina, in the rooms of Dante Alighieri Gold Coast, on Saturday 14th October at 2 p.m. The occasion was part of “Settimana della lingua italiana nel mondo”. For followers of movies, our friends, guests and members, this comedy was released in 1956, featuring those most famous and admired Italian comedians Antonio De Curtis and Peppino De Filippo. Also starring was the actress, Dorian Gray. A melodrama well told, a story of love, a heroine, a hero, a mother and two brothers who complicate and confound the exaggerated plot with their good intentions. Dramatic and soulful music was interspersed throughout the film, creating the desired ‘love lost and gained’ atmosphere.

A very enjoyable sojourn into the past, with particular thanks to Connie Canale, *il coordinatore sociale e culturale*, for her insight into Italian film in the earlier years in Italy. Our thanks to Giovanna, who expertly manages and makes those technical projector details function *assolutamente perfetto*. Also our appreciation to Martina, Astrid, John, Gino, Peter, Ester, Vilma and Tony. Not forgetting the excellent afternoon tea provided by those who give such essential support. Our best thanks too, to the donors of the raffle and lucky door prizes, that were won by the fortunate and the surprised lucky few. To those who have not been mentioned here, due to accidental omission, many thanks from us all.

Jean McNeilly



LA SETTIMANA DELLA LINGUA ITALIANA

La Dante Alighieri Gold Coast Inc ha commemorato il 50esimo della morte di Totò nell'ambito della 17esima Settimana della Lingua Italiana nel Mondo. Il tema per quest'anno era "L'italiano al cinema - L'italiano nel cinema". La partecipazione dei soci è stata numerosa unitamente ai membri del Comitato ed ai docenti.

Dopo un intervento della signora Connie Canale membro del Comitato per la Cultura e Attività Sociali, che ha dato informazioni sull'inizio del cinema in Italia ed ha informato i presenti sulla vita di Totò, dei film da lui interpretati, ha continuato facendo un piccolo riassunto del film che si sarebbe proiettato: *Totò Peppino e la malafemmina*. I presenti si sono divertiti moltissimo. Totò disse: "Nessuno si ricorderà di me" ora ci saranno ancora molte più persone che se lo ricorderanno.

Alla fine della proiezione vi è stato un rinfresco e l'estrazione della lotteria. Si ringraziano i soci Ester e Vilma, Astrid, Connie e Giovanna che hanno preparato il cibo. Ringraziamo anche tutte le persone che hanno regalato i premi per la lotteria."

Anna Domaneschi

Totò, Peppino e la Malafemmina

Ho rivisto con grande piacere questo film di Totò.

In particolare trovo divertentissima la scena in cui Totò e Peppino appena arrivati a Milano vorrebbero visitare il Colosseo o quella in cui scambiano il Duomo di Milano per La Scala.

Gli studenti della classe Advanced 2 hanno cercato di correggere gli strafalcioni linguistici di Totò nel dettare un'improbabile lettera a Peppino.

Vorrei segnalarvi una massima di Totò nel film che potrebbe riassumere tutta la sua filosofia: "Divertiti. La vita è breve."

Martina Medda

17TH EDITION OF “LA SETTIMANA DELLA LINGUA ITALIANA NEL MONDO” (Cont.)**Sabato Pomeriggio al Cinema!**

“Toto` Peppino e la Malafemmina”

Ero molto sorpresa di trovare l'aula completamente piena di gente! Alcuni erano gli studenti ma le altre persone erano i membri della Societa` Dante Alighieri che hanno organizzato l'evento. (Grazie Mille!).

I festeggiamenti non erano soltanto un film da vedere, ma anche una celebrazione della “Settimana della Lingua Italiana”

Il film era molto buffo con fraintendimenti e la confusione totale. C'erano un sacco di risate ma alla conclusione tutto era a posto. Un lieto fine!

Dopo il film c'era una merenda buonissima con pasticcini dolci e pasticcini saporiti e un caffè` intenso e delizioso.

Il comitato ha anche organizzato qualche gioco con i premi per i fortunati. E` stato un pomeriggio felice dove tutti si sono divertiti.

Mairie Ansell (Studente)

Thank You Nikki Canale for designing the flyer.

(More photos on our Web Page – www.dantegoldcoast.com.au , Facebook and Instagram.

ROME WITH JUNE AND GINO MORO

Loving Rome more than ever. We explored Diocletian's baths.... fantastic historic site... won 2016 European award for restored historic site and no wonder!!! The baths were built by the same Emperor Diocletian whose retirement palace we visited in Split. A church and cloister was built over some of it around 1400-1500 designed by Michelangelo ...a tree (well remains of one) planted by Michelangelo is in the cloister garden. Very impressed.

Gino and I had the most incredible evening (8pm - 9pm) the highlight of our trip. A tour through The forum of Julius Caesar ... beautifully recreated with modern technology ...an audio visual display onto the ruins...depicting life in the Forum. I was there on the Ides of March 44BC and saw Julius Caesar stabbed and lying bleeding on the steps to the Senate. Wow .. what a night! I was in awe and wanted no distractions by taking photos.. sorry you must do this tour yourself. Now tomorrow off to visit Nero's house!!!!

Goodbye Rome.... what a great 6 days-and still so much to come back to see. The restoration of Roman sites and use of modern technology to show how life was lived over 2000 years ago is remarkable. This morning we did a tour of Nero's house... all recreated with the use of technology to read the ruins. Will sleep well on the flights home tonight!

**Sunset view from
Piazza Garibaldi**



**Borromini's Perspective Gallery
at Palazzo Spada**



**The outdoor pool area of
Diocletian's Baths**

