



# DANTE NEWS Gold Coast

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Società Dante Alighieri Gold Coast

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear members,

We had a very busy start to March with our AGM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, the conversation group "2 Chiacchiere" on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March and on the 6<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated International Women's Day's with lunch at the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club followed by "Porte Aperte" that evening to showcase our newly refurbished rooms.

Thank you to our Webmaster Brian for putting the photos of these events on the Web page and Martina for putting the photos on our Facebook page. The AGM President's report is on page 3. Photos of some of these events are on page 2. See all the photos on the web.

All the ladies received a flower and make-up at the lunch. Thank you Teresa for donating the make-up. Thank you to Luisa who was the mastermind behind our "Porte Aperte" – what a fantastic night. The set-up and cute balloon decorations by Oriana, the wonderful atmosphere, the fantastic "cameriere" and "baristi" not to mention the food!! So many people to thank.

We wish you all a peaceful Easter.

Cordiali saluti

*Giovanna*



Back : Tony Carnovale, Connie Canale, Judith Roberts, Luisa Liussi, Rita Lo Presti (School Director) , Gerard Wilkes (treasurer) Front: Martina Medda (Facebook), Astrid Pennisi, Giovanna Santomauro (President) Anna Domaneschi (Secretary) Gino Moro (Vice President) Absent - Brian Bell (Webmaster)

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auguriamo  
una  
Buona  
Pasqua*

## DATE CLAIMER

1<sup>st</sup> April "2 Chiacchiere"  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> April - Easter holidays  
20<sup>th</sup> April - start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

## S. MESSA IN ITALIANO

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**SCHOOL DIRECTOR:** Rita Lo Presti 5527 0797



## SCHOOL NEWS

We had a wonderful start to 2015. We have quite healthy numbers in most classes and have had to open up another Beginners 1 daytime class.

“Porte Aperte” was a great opportunity to socialize and show off our rooms and the versatility of the room from kitchen to classroom! Thank You to all who assisted with the evening both teachers and students, Grazie.

### **2 Chiacchiere**

What a fantastic turnout we had for our first conversation night for 2015! On Tuesday evening, the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, approximately 23 students chatted away in Italian at Sinartra’s restaurant. It was a relaxed way to speak, eat and meet students with the one common goal- speaking Italian.



Next “2 Chiacchiere” date will be **Wednesday 1 April**. Location to be advised.

### **Children’s Italian Class**

These will be commencing on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 3.45-4.30pm for 3 weeks up to Easter. We will continue these if we get good numbers. If you know any parents with young ones 5-8 years, please ask them to contact me.

### **Term dates**

Classes finish on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April for 2 weeks.  
Classes recommence - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Wild Weather and Public Holidays**

Unfortunately we had to cancel some lessons due to the bad weather brought on by the recent cyclone. There is also Good Friday Public holiday coming up soon. Your teacher will be advising you when the catch-up lessons will be.

Any questions - please call me- 55270797

Or Email- [info@dantegoldcoast.com](mailto:info@dantegoldcoast.com)

**Rita** School Director

## Porte Aperte

### Il Menu`

\*Sotto aceti (fatti a mano) \*Frittate  
\*Funghi marinati \*Grissini e mortadella  
\*Crostini con pate` di fegato \*Involtini  
\*Bruschette \*Caponata alla siciliana  
\*Tramezzini vari \*Biscotti all’anice



**In cucina - Jenny, Vickie, Luisa, Tania e Sandra**



**Baristi – Jan, Jamie e Sue**



**Gilda, Astrid, Charlotte, Oriana, Giovanna e Rita**

C’era una bella atmosfera molto rilassata per chiacchierare. Gli studenti sono stati molto contenti di essere stati coinvolti nel preparare delle cose e di essere stati invitati. Tutti hanno avuto modo di conoscersi e di celebrare le fantastiche nuove classi della Dante. Il cibo era fantastico ed anche le simpatiche cameriere. Sicuramente un evento da ripetere. **Charlotte**

**SOCIETA' DANTE ALIGHIERI GOLD COAST INC.****A.G.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2015****PRESIDENT'S REPORT – FINANCIAL YEAR 1/1/14 – 31/12/14**

Thank you for coming. 2014 was a very busy year which included our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. I thank the Committee for their support, hard work and commitment in particular Maria Barrett who completed all the paperwork to apply for a grant to refurbish our school. (The Grant was approved in January 2015 and the majority of the work was completed before school started on the 9<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you Werner.)

The school is our main activity and I thank the School Director, Rita and our wonderful enthusiastic hardworking teachers Astrid, Charlotte, Gilda, Giulia, Luisa, Martina, Oriana and Valentina. Thank you to our Social and Cultural organiser, Connie Canale, who advises on coming Italian events, films and operas. Thank you to our Webmaster Brian Bell, Facebook Manager, Vicki Minassian. Thank you to Luisa, Yen Musgrove and Adolfo Matthews for their work on our library and Jenna Dearness Dark for singing at our special events.

We have a good relationship with the Sede Centrale, Italian Consulate, the Italian Chamber of Commerce, the Gold Coast Multicultural Society, the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club and the Brisbane Dante Alighieri Society. Below are the main events for 2014:

**January** – Summer Courses and 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

**February** - Enrolments, start of Semester 1 classes and Carnevale Function

**March** 27<sup>th</sup> AGM                      **April** 5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Easter holidays

**May** - 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Biggest Morning Tea Cancer fundraiser , 23<sup>rd</sup> Mini course

**June** 7<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner. Presentation of Life Memberships to Antonio Colicchia and Carlo Zincone. The Sede Centrale Rome sent Merit Certificates which were presented to Maria Barrett, Gino Moro and Tony Carnovale, and medals which were presented on their behalf by the Italian Ambassador - bronze, Rita Lo Presti, silver – Connie Canale and gold – Giovanna Santomauro. Thank you to the sponsors - Nikki Canale for designing and printing the invitations, Phillip D'Arro from Italiquore for donating the prosecco and Bryan Turner for the chocolates.

**June** 27<sup>th</sup> end of Semester dinner – fundraising of \$900 to help pay for the vital medicine for 18 year old Bianca Scott who suffers from atypical haemolytic uraemic syndrome or aHUS,

**July** 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Second semester enrolments, 14<sup>th</sup> classes 2<sup>nd</sup> semester start

**August** 7<sup>th</sup> Mini course, 9<sup>th</sup> - we hosted a lunch for Brisbane Dante Society / Opera La Boheme 15<sup>th</sup> Ferragosto lunch at Italian club followed by the film “Pranzo di Ferragosto” in Dante rooms.

**September** 14<sup>th</sup> G.C. Multicultural Festival Evandale Parklands, (thank you Astrid, Tony and Robin)

**October** 1<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Italian Film Festival Brisbane – we are one of the Cultural Partners

10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> I represented the G.C. Dante Society at Dante Conference in Melbourne

**November** 9<sup>th</sup> – Madama Butterfly film at the Gold Coast Art Centre, 26<sup>th</sup> New Introduction course 28<sup>th</sup> – Dante Christmas function

**December** 2<sup>nd</sup> – Summer courses begin

Thank you to our Newsletter and Web page sponsors – Canale Travel, Saamarias, Gerard Wilkes & Associates Thank you all for your time and ask for your help in continuing to promote Italian language and culture.

Grazie.

Giovanna Santomauro - President

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 e' un ramoscello d'ulivo nella nostra mano.

*Debora Tedeschi***BUONA PASQUA A TUTTI**

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**LA FESTA DELLA DONNA**

La celebrazione della "Festa della donna" e` stata  
 una bellissima occasione per rivedere amiche e  
 amici, parlare un po` in italiano e condividere  
 esperienze italiane. Grazie Giovanna per avere  
 organizzato un evento sociale piacevole e  
 spensierato, coronato da un piccolo pensiero  
 floreale.

*Martina.***JOIN THE DANTE ALIGHIERI  
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## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Although many assume that St. Patrick is of Irish descent, he was actually not born in Ireland. No one knows for sure, but historians believe he was born in Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton in Scotland (technically a territory of Britain at the time) around 390. Patrick's parents were Calpurnius and Conchessa, Roman citizens living in Britain but most likely Scotland. Calpurnius, Patrick's father was a high ranking Roman diplomat living on a British estate.

Patrick was captured as part of a raid at age 14 and was brought to Ireland in slavery until he escaped at age 20 to France where he later became a priest, and on his return to Ireland, the second Bishop of Ireland. He spent the next 30 years establishing schools, churches, and monasteries across the country. He brought Christianity to widespread acceptance amongst the pagan indigenous peoples. Patrick succeeded in converting Chieftains and the entire Kingdoms, acquiring a large following of disciples. He built Ireland's first Church at Saul, where he later died around 461. (Historians cannot agree on dates of birth & death).

It is thought that St. Patrick used a shamrock as a metaphor for the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), showing how three individual units could be part of the same body. Soon his parishioners began wearing shamrocks to his church services. Today, "the wearing of the green" on St. Patrick's Day represents spring, shamrocks, and in Ireland a public holiday.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City, which dates back to 1762, is the largest in the U.S.A. and a major event for Irish Americans. More than 125,000 marchers participate, stopping at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue for the blessing of the archbishop of New York. In Boston, the St. Patrick's Day Parade goes back even further, to 1737. In fact, during the siege of Boston which forced the British evacuation on March 17, 1776, General George Washington used "Boston" as the day's secret password and "St. Patrick" as the appropriate response.

So was St. Patrick Italian? Yes by heritage. And ... let's just say he had dual citizenship.

*Connie Canale*

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Il 19 Marzo, la festa di San Giuseppe e` anche il giorno che si festeggia "la Festa del Papa`" in Italia. *Tanti auguri a tutti i papa`.*

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