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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear members

We had a successful morning tea and Italian film last month. The 25 people who came enjoyed it even though there were no English subtitles. On the 12th March we will have another film, this time with English subtitles.

A report on our Annual General Meeting is on our Web page in Italian and in English.

To celebrate *Carnevale* we had some interesting video clips on our Facebook page. Some students watched these in class and got into the *Carnevale* spirit by wearing masks.

Students' Welcome Function tonight will probably be over by the time you see this newsletter. Photos in April edition.

On the 27th February we met the new Italian Consul for Queensland and the Northern Territory, Dr. Salvatore Napolitano. He was pleasant and very willing to meet and talk with the Italian Community. The function organised by COM.IT.ES. President Mariangela Stagnitti and her committee, was held at the ANFE Terrazza. Maria Maruca (ANFE President) and ladies did a wonderful catering job.

Looking forward to seeing you at our coming events.

Cordiali saluti,

Giovanna



John and Giovanna Santomauro with Italian Consul Salvatore Napolitano.

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We are also on Instagram

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

DATE CLAIMERS

1st March – Students' welcome

12th March – Italian film

20th March – Amici della Dante lunch

23rd March – afternoon tea with author

Marisa Piergiovanni Parker

6th April – 28th April – Easter break

22nd June – Opera 'Tosca'

THE GOLD COAST

ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB

18 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters

Ph: 5575 1966 /0499074910

<http://italoaustralianclub.com.au/events/>

Lunch – Wed. Thurs. Fri. 11.30a.m. - 2.30p.m.

Dinner – Wed. to Sat. 5.30p.m. - 9 p.m.

Please phone Club for information and bookings.

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SCHOOL NEWS

We are now into week 4 of our semester and all our classes are well settled.

We welcome back to the Dante Francesca Manuele, a Dante teacher from several years ago. She is here from Italy on holidays and will be taking a mini course for the more advanced levels. (Details on website and on *Pagina 3*)

We are preparing for Students' Welcome Function tonight. We have approximately 50 people coming. More details and photos in the next newsletter.

We have a variety of dictionaries, grammar and verb books for sale in the office area if you require any further textbooks.

The Buongiorno Italia CD pack is now available again at \$40.

Mini Courses at Easter

We will again be offering mini courses during the break. More information coming soon. It will be on the website and in the classrooms.

Course Dates for Semester 1 2019

Semester 1

Monday 4 February - 5 April

Easter break - 6 April - 28 April

Term 2 commences - Monday 29 April

Course concludes - Friday 28 June

Private Classes

Just a single class or multiple classes are available throughout the week. Please contact me if interested.

If you have any questions or concerns-

please call me on 55270797

Or Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com

La nipote di Clara Molino visita la classe di Charlotte.



Davide Moretto and Luca Liussi interviewed by B3 class



Wednesday morning Introductory class students wear their masks to celebrate Carnevale.



Gemelli!

**La studentessa
Bianca
Antoniolli con
l'insegnante
Martina Medda!**

LA PAGINA DELLA CULTURA

IL VOLO DELL'ANGELO del 2019 al CARNEVALE di VENEZIA.

Quest'anno, "IL VOLO DELL'ANGELO" dal Campanile di San Marco a Venezia ha creato una doppia emozione. Sono state migliaia le persone che hanno assistito alla suggestiva cerimonia. Con questo scenografico evento, è iniziato il Carnevale di Venezia che, questa volta viene definito come un evento straordinario.

Per la prima volta, infatti sono stati protagonisti due Angeli.

Alle ore 11.00 del mattino, il primo a scendere dal Campanile di San Marco, e' stato "l'Angelo Guerriero" Micol Rossi, la quale è stata colpita dal morbo di Crohn. Micol aveva scritto una lettera al Sindaco di Venezia chiedendo uno spazio tra gli eventi del Carnevale, per dare voce a tutti i Guerrieri che combattono ogni giorno contro la malattia e lanciare un messaggio di speranza.

Pochi minuti dopo, la magia si è ripetuta portando in volo sopra la piazza San Marco, il secondo Angelo. Le due ragazze sono poi state accolte sul palco dal Doge e dalle autorità di Venezia tra grandi applausi degli intervenuti.

Francesca Manuele

FESTA DELLA DONNA

Ogni anno, il giorno 8 Marzo ricorre la "FESTA DELLA DONNA". La storia della Festa risale ai primi anni del Novecento a seguito di una tragedia avvenuta nel 1908, le cui protagoniste furono le operaie dell'industria tessile "COTTON" di New York, rimaste uccise nell'incendio della fabbrica. Da qui nacque l'idea di istituire una giornata internazionale dedicata alle Donne col fine di rivendicare i propri diritti ed acquisire diritti quale il Voto, allora riservato soltanto agli uomini. Fiore simbolo di questo giorno e' la mimosa.

BUONA FESTA A TUTTE LE DONNE

Francesca Manuele



****NOVITA' "NUOVO MINI CORSO"****

Per italiani e per gli studenti dei livelli avanzati.

INCONTRIAMOCI alla DANTE FACENDO "4 PASSI" IN COMPAGNIA.....

- 1) IL CARNEVALE DI VENEZIA, LE SFILATE SULL'ACQUA
- 2) ENNIO MORRICONE
- 3) I NONNI - RAPPORTI GENERAZIONALI
- 4) GLI AFORISMI

Con Francesca Manuele

Giovedì mattina dalle 9.30 a.m. alle 11.00 a.m. Lo stesso programma verrà ripetuto la sera dalle 7.00 p.m. alle 8.30 p.m.

Il 7/3/19--14/3/19--21/3/19--28/3/19

Se interessati al Corso siete pregati di contattare

Giovanna al 07 55395528.

STUDENT TRAVELS AND TIPS

WE ARRIVE IN HEAVEN – AKA – VERNAZZA IN THE CINQUE TERRE

BY DEANNA NOTT

Amici miei – the time has finally come for us to go to heaven together. I have loved the Cinque Terre ever since I first arrived in Porto Venere, the launching point to the five lands, back in 2002. The coloured buildings perched on the edge of the Ligurian coastline thrilled me, the smells of traditional northern Italian food entranced me, the locally-produced frizzante wine became my quencher of choice and the capers, olives and prosciutto....mmm, I am not sure I have the words to describe those delicious morsels!

You may recall from my last column my family and I had been in Florence, which is the perfect place to visit prior to heading to the Cinque Terre. We travelled by train, via La Spezia to Vernazza. Of the five towns, our pick is Vernazza. It is car free (in the main parts of the little village), has stunning restaurants with views that actually make you feel like a flying bird, a lovely beach for swimming and sunbaking ... and most importantly, great coffee! What more can one ask for?

Well, let me tell you! It also has a wonderful butcher (Daneri Angelo Butchery - Via Visconti, 12) if you would like to dine in, and a fabulous mini mart that has everything you need while visiting.

Here are my tips for Vernazza and its surrounds:

1. While you can book via your travel agent or booking.com, on this occasion I refer you to the lovely team at www.cinqueterriviera.com. This is a local accommodation and tourist information business that is fully across everything going on around the local area. We booked our apartment for 5 nights through them. Our apartment was called Mainetta and we were in one of the yellow buildings LITERALLY across from the beach. We can highly recommend this apartment if you are staying a few nights or more.
<https://cinqueterriviera.com/product/mainetta-apartment/>
2. Every Wednesday and Friday from 3 April to 11 October, the local opera association, (led by an American opera singer who fell in love with a man from Vernazza and then moved there permanently) holds the Festival of Opera Concerts. You can book here <https://cinqueterriviera.com/activity/> The performances take place in the historical Oratory Chapel of SS. Trinità, next to Santa Margherita Parish Church. Adults are only 18.00 euros.
3. Enjoy at least one or two coffees, early in the morning before the tourists arrive – they come by train and make the place very busy from 10am onwards - at Ananasso Bar Piazza Guglielmo Marconi. This establishment is in the piazza above the beach and the views are lovely...so are the cornettos and other sweets. It is also a great place for an Aperol Spritz in the late afternoon.
4. Book in advance for the two most amazing restaurants – Google these and you will see the views for yourself. The food is melt-in-the-mouth. My favourites – the vongole and anchovies. Ristorante Belforte info@ristorantebelforte.it and Ristorante Il Gambero Rosso info@ristorantegamberorosso.net
5. Hiking a little is a must when in Vernazza. Catch the train to Manarola and then walk to Corniglia and on to Vernazza. It can be a little steep at times so make sure you take your time, have lots of water are reasonably fit to start with! The views are amazing.
6. If you are reasonably confident, hire a little boat and spend half a day going between the towns in your own vessel. It is so much fun but if it is a rough day and you suffer from sea sickness, give it a miss. You can hire the boats from the team on the beach – they are there every day.
7. Walk up to the top of Vernazza to the cemetery. It may sound morbid, but it is worth the effort (and it is an effort to walk the hundreds of steps) for the view and to read the inscriptions about loved ones no longer with us. I can tell you though – they are closer to heaven up there.

Next stop – Lake Como and our George Clooney encounter!



2019 Committee

Sitting – Vice President, Gino Moro, Treasurer, Gerard Wilkes, President, Giovanna Santomauro, Secretary, Anna Domaneschi.

Standing – Martina Medda, Judith Roberts, Astrid Pennisi, Brian Bell, Connie Canale, Walter Antonucci and Rita Lo Presti.

The ladies at the Community function to welcome the new Italian Consul for Qld & NT. Salvatore Napolitano.

Giovanna Santomauro, President SDA Gold Coast, Mariangela Stagnitti President Com.It.Es. and Carmelina Vitale from the Three Saints Feast Brisbane.



Tuesday 12th March
Morning tea 9.30 a.m.
\$5-00

Followed by Italian Film
(with English sub-titles)

Please RSVP Giovanna
on 07 55395528

Saturday 23rd March
Afternoon tea \$5-00
Guest author
Marisa Parker

www.marisaparkerauthor.com

Please RSVP Giovanna
On 07 55395528

*Afternoon Tea
with author,
MARISA PARKER
(nee Piergiovanni)*

**Saturday, 23 March
From 3 – 4.30pm**

At the rear of Italo-Australian Club
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SATURDAY 23RD MARCH

From 3 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
**\$5.00 Afternoon tea with guest author
 Marisa Parker (nee Piergiovanni)**

Award Winning Author, Marisa Parker, will talk about her two books and share family stories about her father, Eugenio Piergiovanni, President of the *Societa` Dante Alighieri*, Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, awarded the *Diploma di Benemerenzza* and made an *Ufficiale* by the Italian Government.

Please Phone Giovanna on 07 55395528 to RSVP

FRIDAY, 24TH MAY 7.30 p.m.

**10 TENORS - at HOTA Gold Coast
 Singing opera and contemporary songs.
 Cost: "A" Reserve \$95.00. "B" Reserve \$85.00.
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 with HOTA – 5588 4000**

SATURDAY, 22ND JUNE 1.30 p.m.

Opera "TOSCA" matinee session

Join the Gold Coast Dante Alighieri Society group at the
LYRIC THEATRE, QPAC, BRISBANE
 Cost: Dante group price: "B" Reserve \$105.00
Payment due by 16th April. Bookings are now open with
 Connie Canale – ccanale25@hotmail.com
 or call 0428155515

SOCIAL & CULTURAL NEWS

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MARCH , "AMICI DELLA DANTE"

Looking forward to seeing you at the the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club lunch. All Dante members and friends are welcome. Below are photos from the February "Amici della Dante" lunch. It was good to see so many of you there. Special welcome to past Dante teacher Francesca Manuele, who is here on holidays from Italy. For further information please contact
Maria Barrett on 0418750232



SATURDAY, 27TH APRIL 2019

GIUSEPPE VERDI'S - 'REQUIEM'
 HOTA – GOLD COAST – OUTDOOR STAGE.
 Cost: "A" Reserve from \$85.00; "B" Reserve from \$75.00; General Admission from \$50.00 (no chair supplied). Dante will not be organizing a group. Anyone interested can book directly with HOTA – 5588 4000 (Pensioner & student discounts on application).