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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear members

Another year is coming to an end. It was a special year as we celebrated our 30th Anniversary since the foundation on the Gold Coast. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way in the promotion of the Italian language and culture.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the activities for "La Settimana della Cucina Italiana". (Photos on Pagina 3) Congratulations to Astrid Pennisi who was given Life Membership after 16 years of teaching with our school.



From the 9th December to the 22nd January you have the opportunity to go to an exhibition featuring photographs by Massimo Sestini who captured Italy's landscapes, from police helicopters, an hour after sundown or an hour before sunrise. (Details on Pagina 5 and attached Flyer)



We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful start to the New Year. *Giovanna, Committee and Teachers.*

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We are also on Instagram

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

**2020 MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL NOW DUE**

DATE CLAIMERS

9 December 2019 – 22 January 2020

Exhibition – Italy twilight skylines

Friday 13 December – Amici della Dante

THE GOLD COAST

ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB

18 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters

Ph: 5575 1966

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

Lunch: Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dinner: Thurs. Fri. Sat. from 6 p.m.

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SCHOOL DIRECTOR: Rita Lo Presti 5527 0797



SCHOOL NEWS

How quickly we have come to the end of our semester courses. Thank you to everyone who attended our classes this year whether for a few weeks or the full year. We hope that we provided you with a foundation for your language learning.

What a wonderful response we have had with the mini courses. It looks like no-one wants a break from learning Italian. If you did not write your name down for a mini-course but later on, consider doing one, please call me as I need to check numbers.

The end of year function held on Friday night was again another fun night. All the food, Italian sausages and baked ham, salads and desserts were delicious. Thanks to my husband for cooking the meats.



Our first game was *L'assaggio alla cieca*. This was fun watching students tasting foods while blindfolded. Ester Ceron provided us with a beautiful *Torta di mela* which was used in our second game *Indovina gli ingredienti*.

We finished the night with *panettone* and *spumante*. *Grazie* to everyone for coming!!

I would like to thank all the Dante teachers for their continuous work in providing a wide range of classes and activities for our students. *Grazie!*

Buon Natale a tutti.

Rita

Information on Semester 1 2020 classes

All the information on 2020 classes including calendar, fees, times and enrolment form can be found on the website.

2020 Classes Start Date

Classes recommence in the week beginning Monday, 3rd February 2020.

'Early bird special': \$420

Includes \$20 annual membership

**** Must be received on or before**

Friday 17th January 2020**

After the 17th January 2020- \$440

Late direct debts will be charged the higher rate.

Payment - Cash / Cheque / Direct Debit

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Private Classes

If you would like private classes over the break, early bookings would guarantee your preferred day and time. Please ring me to discuss this further.

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

Or Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com

Rita School Director

**Can't find the perfect gift for
that special person??**



**What about a Gift Certificate to
learn Italian at Dante Gold Coast!!
These can be made to whatever
value you wish.**

Contact- Rita - School Director

LA SETTIMANA DELLA CUCINA ITALIANA E FESTA DI FINE ANNO

(More photos on our Webpage and on Facebook)

The beautiful students from the Intermediate 2 class did some research into typical antipastos and dishes from specific regions in Italy. They researched their origin and presented their findings to the class, together with a sample of the food researched. We had a fantastic display of: PROSCIUTTO E MELONE, BISCOTTI AL LIMONE TOSCANI, CROSTINI DI ALICI E FORMAGGIO, FRITTATA DI VERDURE ed infine BRUSCHETTA CON PESTO E POMODORI FRESCHI. Great effort from the fantastic students and a great way to learn some very interesting facts about Italian dishes whilst at the same time enjoying homemade beautiful nibbles. Bravissime!!

Charlotte



*Ester Ceron
prepara il
caffè`.*

*Indovina
gli
ingredienti*

*Susan, Beeb e
Delia provano
ad indovinare
gli ingredient
nella torta di
mele fatta da
Ester Ceron.*

L'Assaggio alla Cieca



PAGINA DEGLI STUDENTI

La classe **Intermediate 2** di lunedì mattinaLa classe **Advanced 2** di lunedì mattinaLa classe **Advanced 2** di lunedì seraLa classe **Intermediate 2** di martedì sera

*Gli studenti della classe **Intermediate 1** hanno compilato un profilo . Qui due degli studenti hanno messo il loro. Uno vero e uno fantasia.*

Nome: Metka

Cognome: Skrobar

Età: settantuno

Professione: artista, insegnante e nonna.

Essendo un artista insegno arte nel mio studio a molti adulti e anche ai bambini. Spesso vado nelle zone remote del Queensland per tenere seminari artistici che mi piacciono molto.

Nel tempo libero vado in piscina, faccio passeggiate e vado alla spiaggia con il mio jetski e le mie tre belle nipoti Marissa, Selyna e Karleisha.

A noi tutti piace moltissimo viaggiare lontano dalla spiaggia verso un'isola.

Lì a volte andiamo a nuotare e anche a pescare.

Studio la lingua italiana perché mi piace la bella lingua, mi piace la compagnia e viaggiare spesso in Italia.

Nome: Sofia

Cognome: Rossi

Età: Trentaquattro

Professione: Cantante d'opera

Sono la principale cantante lirica per l'Opera Milanese. Mi piacciono le canzoni di Puccini. La mia opera preferita è la Tosca. Insegno canto ai ragazzi. Non mi piace il rap o il rock.

Nel tempo libero viaggio nel mio aereo privato in Brasile dove studio i balli sudamericani. Ho due cani piccoli chiamati Coco e Chanel. Loro viaggiano con me ovunque. Ogni estate faccio una vacanza nella mia villa sul Lago di Como. George Clooney è il mio vicino di casa. Vorrei cantare con Ed Sheeran come il mio buon amico Andrea Bocelli.

La classe **Intermediate 1** di lunedì sera

**9TH DECEMBER 2019 TO 22ND JANUARY 2020 – Open weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Civic Chambers Building, 135 Bundall Road, Surfers Paradise**

Italy – Twilight Skylines from Police helicopters is an exhibition featuring photographs by Massimo Sestini, winner of the World Press Photo. When taking photos for the Italian State Police, flying on an AgustaWestland AW139 and AB212 by Leonardo-Finmeccanica, the photographer captured Italy's landscapes, an hour after sundown or an hour before sunrise. With their evocatively beautiful lights, the images on display document the wonders of Italy, unique in their variety and harmony.

For the first time in the history of photography, an entire country is narrated through images strictly taken in suspended time. An apical view of the most beautiful cities in Italy (Rome, Milan, Venice, Florence, Naples) are shown alongside some of the most stunning parts of the country (the Dolomites, the Stromboli volcano, the salt marshes in Trapani, etc.). The entire operation was carried out by the photojournalist Massimo Sestini and was possible thanks to the participation of the Italian State Police, which made their helicopters and equipment available to the photographer. The exhibition also includes a video with backstage images that show visitors the efforts undertaken throughout the two-year project and the difficulties in carrying it out.

Now on display at City of Gold Coast's civic building and supported by Mayor Tom Tate, this thrilling exhibition first debuted at the house of the Presidency of the Italian Republic, the Palazzo del Quirinale, and has since gone on to the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology in Hanoi, Tan Son Nhat International Airport of Ho Chi Minh City and the MAMM in Moscow. From the Gold Coast, the exhibition will continue to be displayed in major cities around the world.

AMICI DELLA DANTE LUNCH - FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2019

At the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club

Come for lunch or just a drink. Ph. Maria Barrett on 0418750232 for information.



Ladies at the November lunch.

INCONTRO DI NATALE – VENERDI 13 DICEMBRE 2019 DALLE ORE 12 ALLE 14 PRESSO IL CLUB ITALO AUSTRALIANO. Amici, vi aspettiamo per celebrare insieme le festività. Non sono necessari regali ma un abbigliamento festoso e natalizio sarà molto gradito. Venite per pranzo o solo per un caffè.



CORO – CHOIR GROUP

The group is celebrating Elena's birthday. Would you like to join this fun group to learn some Italian songs, improve your Italian and just enjoy yourself? Everyone welcome. Tuesdays 5.45 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. **Resume** on Tuesday 4th February 2020. For further information please contact Virginia on 0416167900.



La classe **Beginners 3** di martedì sera



La classe **Beginners 1** di mercoledì mattina



La classe di **LCS** di mercoledì mattina



La classe di **LCS** di mercoledì sera



*Vi auguriamo
un Buon Natale
e un Felice
Anno Nuovo.*



Luisa's Thursday night **Beginners 1** students were the audience for Astrid's **Introductory class** play "*Alfredo and Alfresco*". Alfresco, the happy one, took orders from the tourists while Alfredo, the grumpy one, cooked the pizzas.



Rita presenting certificates to students



Classe di **Intermediate 1** di venerdì mattina



La nuova classe di venerdì mattina
Italian for Travellers