

Newsletter di febbraio

Febbraio 2021

Dear Dante friends,

First of all we want to wish you all a happy, healthy and successful new year. This year has started with hope for us here in New Zealand and around the world and with the wish that we will finally be able to defeat the pandemic and return to a relatively normal life. We have two events to cheer us up in the coming months: one is the PRADA Cup in January and February, where the Prada Pirelli Luna Rossa and the Emirates Team New Zealand are already giving us so many moments of excitement, and then in March with the America's Cup where we will see the defender Emirates Team New Zealand racing against the winner of the PRADA Cup.

The other highlight of the year is the celebration of the Supreme Poet after which our Society is named: This year in fact, Italy commemorates the 700th anniversary of the death of Dante Alighieri with events and festivities, especially in the regions and cities where the poet spent his life. These commemorations mark the end of 7 years of celebrations that started in 2015 on the occasion of Dante's 750th birth anniversary (read more on page 3).

We hope to see you at the ATM and Colazione at the end of this month.

Buona lettura!

Stefania



Il calendario di febbraio

4 febbraio	School Open Day (p.2)
9 febbraio	Start Term 1 of Italian Classes (p.2)
27 febbraio	AGM & Colazione (p.2)
Every Thursday 12.00pm	Yoga with Fiorella (p.7)
Every Thursday 9.30-11.30am	Children Playgroup
Every Tuesday 3.30-4.45pm	Children After-School Programme
Every Tuesday 3.30-4.45pm	Teen Classes (age 11-13) (p.2)

Buon 2021 !

Seguici!



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Attività ed eventi



Learn Italian in 2021!

Term 1 classes for 2021 Italian language courses will start on 9 February.

You can enrol by email or online.

You may like to come and see us at the **Open Day**, on **Thursday 4 February 2021**, 5-7pm. It is open to all, so do bring any friends who would like to learn Italian.

[See HERE all dates and enrolment forms.](#)

Language Classes for Teens

Starting this month Dante is offering language classes also for teens aged 11-13. Teenagers will learn Italian through a wide range of creative activities in a fun environment. [See HERE dates and enrolment form.](#)

Annual General Meeting & Colazione

The Dante Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday 27 February 2021 at the Dante offices in the Freemans Bay Community Centre
From 10am to 12pm.

It's a chance for everyone to find out about how Dante is run, and to have a chat over a cappuccino and cornetto after the formal meeting finishes.



Looking for cleaners

We are looking for a person to do the cleaning once a week for a couple of hours in the Dante Alighieri Society rooms.

In case of interest please contact Sandra by sending an email to info@dante.org.nz



Radio Ondazzurra podcast of the month

Intervista con William Mongardi

William è di Ferrara, è un ballerino di hip-hop ed è in Auckland da un anno perché la Crew Hip Hop più famosa al mondo è proprio qui, a Penrose. Si tratta della *Royal Family Dance Crew* fondata dall'eccezionale Parris Goebel, la ballerina e coreografa neozelandese/cinese/samoana emersa sulla scena internazionale col suo stile *polyswagg* vincendo i campionati mondiali Hip Hop tre anni di seguito. Dotata di enorme talento, Parris ha lavorato con Ariana Grande, Justin Bieber, Janet Jackson, Rihanna, Nicki Minaj...e nel 2020 ha coreografato per Jennifer Lopez il Super Bowl Halftime. William studia e si allena alla Royal Family con ottimi danzatori e sa di aver fatto un grande percorso di crescita sia sul piano professionale che personale.

Qualche settimana fa ha fatto un'audizione che spera ardentemente di aver superato dato che da sempre sogna di far parte della *Royal Family Dance Crew*. Ci parla della sua formazione e dello spirito della Hip Hop che lo fa sentire semplicemente fantastico e totalmente se stesso.



[To listen to the podcast click HERE](#)

Ondazzurra's Podcast

Ondazzurra è in diretta ogni domenica alle 11.20am su 104.6 FM.

Da ottobre Ondazzurra è anche su **SPOTIFY** a su **INSTAGRAM**!

Ogni settimana trovate l'annuncio del nuovo podcast seguito da una serie di immagini che si riferiscono alla conversazione o al tema trattato nell'episodio. **SEGUITECI**, vi aspettiamo !!!



Attività ed eventi



Serenate a Variazioni - new album

Flutist Luca Manghi presents his new album *Serenate e Variazioni*, a musical journey listing interesting compositions of the nineteenth-century instrumental repertoire for ensembles.

[Read more here](#)



Immigration Archive Stories

Digging for Italian roots in Valtellina, Lombardy:

[This article](#) by Alan Poletti, former Professor of Physics at The University Auckland is a revised version from the talk given by the author at the Society Dante Alighieri Auckland on 1 December 2002. While 'digging' for his own Italian roots Poletti also became interested in the research process of genealogy. The article provides both the results of the research about his Italian ancestors, and advise/how to for those who wish to follow the same path.

"Seeking our Italian roots needs to be more than a search for a place and date of birth of our ancestors. It is an important step. But then we must try to understand the society of which they were a part, the history of their region and what drove them to migrate to *la fine del mondo* - to New Zealand and Australia".

The same volume also includes another article by Alan Poletti and Emanuela Menghina: [Migration patterns from two communities in Sondrio province: Tirano and Villa di Tirano](#), which also includes a few numbers and info concerning New Zealand.

This year is Dante's Year!

2021 is the year of Dante Alighieri, as it marks the 700th anniversary of the death of the author of the *Divine Comedy*, the father of the Italian language and consequently symbol of the unity of the country. Starting from 25 March, renamed **Dantedì** for the occasion, a programme of events will bring together the whole cultural world with both virtual and physical initiatives in several cities of Tuscany and Emilia-Romagna, the regions where Dante spent his life. The 25th of March was chosen as the National Dante Day because scholars believe that is the date on which Dante began the journey to Hell, Purgatory and Paradise in *The Divine Comedy*.

The [Accademia della Crusca](#), founded in Florence in 1583, will organize an exhibition on Dante in the cloisters of Santa Maria Novella and has announced that it will celebrate the *Supreme Poet* publishing every day a different quote on its website. These are words, phrases, poems and recurring expressions in the writings of the author, with a brief comment to explain its meaning.



Ravenna, the city where he wrote *The Divine Comedy* while in exile from Florence for political reasons, and where he is buried, will beam the words of the Supreme Poet over the facades of the buildings of six streets of the historic city centre with installations consisting of sixteen luminous hendecasyllables, taken from the *Divine Comedy*. In Florence, the Uffizi Gallery is organizing several exhibitions containing images of and/or associated with the poet.

The largest exhibition will be at the Musei San Domenico in Forlì, a "Città Dantesca" in Emilia-Romagna where Dante was a refugee in autumn 1302, remaining for over a year with the family of the Ordelaffi, the Ghibelline lords of the city.



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Intensive Course 20-24 January 2021

The Dante Auckland completed another successful Summer Intensive Course, that traditionally takes place during the summer holidays, with the support of the Dante Alighieri community and the passionate work of the teachers Sandra, Fiorella, Niccolò, Luca, Matteo, Barbara, and Maria, who came specially from Christchurch to help.

Also this year it was well attended and full of fun and activities. Students from Auckland, but also other parts of New Zealand, like Christchurch, Taupo, Nelson and other cities, attended the course for five consecutive days, plus enjoyed Italian lunches and met a few more local Italians to try their conversation skills! Thank you all for attending, and thank you to our staff, especially to cooks Brunella, Annalisa and Alessandra, and to all volunteers!

Arrivederci al prossimo anno!



Students, teachers and helpers



The Italian team with teachers and cooks



Review di gennaio



Giochiamo in italiano ! - School Holiday Programme, 26 January

We had a beautiful school holiday programme with the children at the Dante Auckland Bambini school yesterday! Games, sport, art, pasta making, story reading and pizzette for lunch!

Thank you to the Mums from the Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli Team: Mariarosaria, Lucia, Valentina, Martina and Federica, who organised and run the workshop and made this day a truly special one for all our children!





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Bacheca del mese



Ricetta del mese

Bomba di riso

This is an ancient and very rich dish from the Romagna region, it was cooked for the aristocracy in the Middle Ages and pigeons were used as meat for the filling. Instead of pigeons today other types of meat are used, like minced or diced beef, lamb, or pork or crumbled sausages.

It can also be served covered with thin slices of ham and garnished with roasted mushrooms, but everyone can do it his way.



Ingredienti

- riso g 800
- parmigiano g 100
- un uovo
- burro
- pane grattugiato
- 400gr di macinato di carne
- burro g 50
- funghi g 100
- cipolla, carota, prezzemolo
- alloro
- passata di pomodoro 100 g
- noce moscata
- brodo
- sale - pepe

Fate soffriggere le verdure nel burro; aggiungere la carne (o speck/salsiccia/ecc.), e lasciarla insaporire, aggiungendo sale, pepe e noce moscata, a piacere. Dopo 15 minuti unire i funghi, la passata di pomodoro e qualche foglia di alloro.

Cuocere a fuoco bassissimo, aggiungendo, se occorre, ancora qualche cucchiaio di brodo.

Nel brodo cuocere il riso al dente, infine condirlo con l'uovo intero che avete precedentemente sbattuto, il parmigiano e un poco di burro. Ungere con il burro una forma liscia dai bordi piuttosto alti, spolverizzarla accuratamente di pangrattato. Rivestite la forma con parte del riso (3/4 circa); al centro mettere il ripieno di carne e coprire con il restante riso. Cospargere quindi la superficie di pangrattato e fiocchetti di burro e passare in forno già caldo a 180° per almeno una ventina di minuti. Lasciare riposare per una decina di minuti e poi togliere la forma.

Parola del mese

Forbito

Curato, raffinato, elegante: *stile, linguaggio forbito; un discorso forbito.*

Persona che parla o scrive con accuratezza formale: *essere forbito nel parlare, nello scrivere*; con altro senso, che ha o ostenta modi garbati, educato

(Source: Dizionario Treccani)

Yoga in Italian with Fiorella

We have resumed our yoga classe that are now every Thursday at 12pm. Please bring your own mat. Fees: \$10 per class



Follow Dante on social media!



Arrivederci a marzo 2021!