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Celebrating 123 years

Dear members & friends of the Dante Society

A very happy new year to everyone and in particular to the teachers in the schools. I wish you a very rewarding and successful year ahead.

Firstly, I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Donna Salera, who for numerous years has made a huge contribution to the Society, as a committee member. I welcome Gabriella Gommersall –Habbard and Laura Campanaro to the committee. Celeste Centioli has moved aside as committee member but she will continue to assist Ester Marcuccio with the recitation and literary competitions. Welcome also Mariano Coreno who has joined us as a coopted member. The full committee was published in the December issue of *Dante Oggi* magazine that you will find on the website this being another means of communication for our supporters.

I congratulate the **scholarship winner for 2018** Ms. Jana Adzic from Copperfield College Sydenham. Jana will be travelling to Italy in March to begin a course at the Leonardo da Vinci School in Florence. Jana will receive her scholarship money at the annual Ceremony of Excellence on Sunday 3rd March. At this ceremony we also reward the hard work performed by students of Italian attending one of the three universities in Melbourne. You have received my invitation and I look forward to meeting you.

My committee is hard at work already planning cultural events for this half of the year. I would like to mention a few to note in your diary:

25th March : Prof. John Lando presenting the poems of Aldo Palazzeschi.

22nd May : Prof.ssa. Patrizia Burley-Lombardi will talk to us about the variety of English words that are constantly appearing in the spoken and written Italian language, especially in Italy.

7th August: Prof.ssa Antonella Cavallini will present the *Numerology* in Dante's Divine Comedy. All these events presented in Italian, will be held at CoAsIt Conference Room from 6.30pm. Our administrative officer Claudia McLean will communicate all the relevant information for each event.

Thank you to Imogen Lazarus who has already sent information to the primary schools regarding the **Primary Schools Poster Competition**. I am very confident that the topic "Mangiare Sano" will produce a large and interesting variety of posters.

Ester Marcuccio coordinator of the recitation and literary competitions, will have all the information posted on the website by the end of this week.

In a special way, we aim to remember the **500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci** 15th April 1452 – 2nd May 1519. The **Literary competition** and the **Audio competition** will enable students to research this extraordinary man, as well as Dante Alighieri.

The website will also have information related to the **scholarships for 2019** which will not only invite teachers of Italian to apply for funding.

Watch for news and events organized by the **Dante GIOVANI** on their Facebook page and the website.

My sincere and best wishes to all our members and supporters.

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