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L'ILC FESTEggia LA FINE DEL SECONDO SEMESTRE 2016



La sera del 25 novembre 2016, l'Italian Language Centre (ILC) ha celebrato la fine del secondo semestre.

Gli studenti e i loro insegnanti si sono riuniti al ristorante 'Vinnies' a Newmarket per festeggiare insieme non solo la fine di un semestre colmo di attività per approfondire l'apprendimento della lingua italiana ma anche per brindare alle imminenti festività natalizie.

Marzia Mauro, la coordinatrice dei corsi d'italiano, ha dato il benvenuto a tutti congratulandosi con gli studenti presenti per la loro passione e la loro tenacia nel partecipare alle lezioni settimanali durante l'intero semestre.

Premiati per aver partecipato a tutte le lezioni senza nessun'assenza, gli studenti James Asnicar, Peter Roennfeldt e Robert Ferguson hanno



ricevuto in omaggio un panettone italiano. Inoltre, gli studenti Tasha Banks e Kate e Bernie McGowan hanno ricevuto ognuno un certificato attestando di essere stati presenti ad un minimo di dieci lezioni.

Premiata anche l'insegnante Laura Zanichelli con un certificato confermandola tra le più abili insegnanti del Queensland per l'uso del sistema d'insegnamento online 'Education Perfect' che serve come strumento di ripasso linguistico.

Presenti alla cena anche gli studenti Sandon Godwin-Welch e Kathleen Foley, appena rientrati dal viaggio in Italia organizzato dall'ILC.

Durante la serata, ai partecipanti è stato servito un ottimo menù: antipasto misto, due tipi di pasta, pollo alla cacciatora, panettone e caffè.

La serata si è conclusa in modo divertente con canti natalizi in italiano.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING

STUDENTS GET READY FOR THE NEW YEAR SUMMER SCHOOL AT THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE CENTRE



Success in learning a new language depends largely on how often students are exposed to an environment where they have the opportunity to read, write, listen and speak in the target language.

To satisfy the request from students interested in maintaining and consolidating their level of Italian, ILC organised a series of Summer intensive Italian enrichment classes during January 2017.

Over the course of a week, each group of students (adult students as well as Yr10-12 school students) attended daily lessons designed to improve their Italian language skills.

Those unable to attend the day classes had the opportunity to attend the same classes in the evenings.

From the moment they walked into the classroom, students were immersed in reading,

writing, listening, singing and speaking Italian.

On the final day, the students were thrilled to take part in an Italian cooking class where they learned to make (and eat!) the famous 'cannoli siciliani'.

ILC is getting ready for semester 1 2017 and classes (across 9 levels) have commenced on Monday 13 February.

IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING ITALIAN PROGRAMS IN QUEENSLAND SCHOOLS, ILC ALSO OFFERS ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES FOR ADULT STUDENTS, ITALIAN AFTER SCHOOL HOURS FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS AND GIROTONDO ITALIAN PLAYGROUP FOR 3-5 YEAR-OLDS.

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TO ITALY WITH ILC!

THE INAUGURAL ILC-ORGANISED TRIP TO ITALY TOOK PLACE IN THE SECOND HALF OF OCTOBER LAST YEAR. OVER A PERIOD OF 16 DAYS, ILC ADULT STUDENTS CRISS-CROSSED THE 'STIVALE'; DELIGHTED TO EXPERIENCE AUTHENTIC ITALIAN CULTURE AND PUT INTO PRACTICE ALL THE LANGUAGE SKILLS THEY'VE BEEN LEARNING AT ILC.

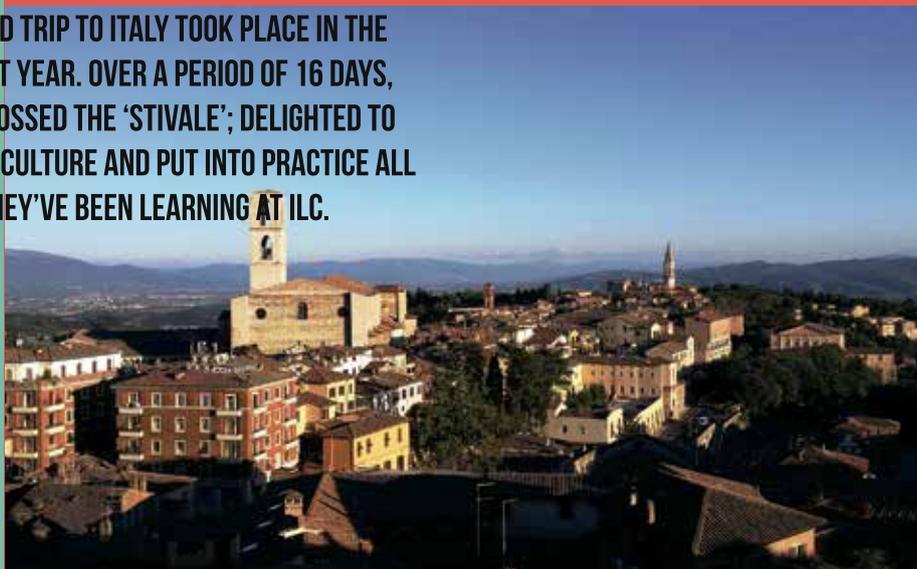
Here, in their own words, are the memories they shared upon their return:

Ciao a tutti! My name is Sandon (aka Sandino) and I recently got back from ILC's fabulous 'vacanze in Italia'!

This is a diverse, interesting and memorable country and it was exciting to finally put my knowledge of the Italian language to the ultimate test!

In some of the tourist-heavy places locals spoke either Italian or English. However going into the more quaint parts allowed more opportunities not only to immerse myself in the local idiosyncrasies, but also disappear into a completely addictive Italian language-speaking headspace (because trust me, it is indescribably addictive)!

Each place our group visited was equally eye-opening and unexpected. From the



jaw-dropping monuments in Rome, with their unimaginable designs and history, the beautiful, winding coast of Amalfi and the diverse, multi-layered landscape of Cinque Terre's countryside, there was always something different to see.

I must mention the incredible people who accompanied me throughout the entire journey.

Using my usual wit and charm, I never thought I would come away from the trip as loved as I was! To say I was popular would be a gross understatement!

Everyone knew me as Sandino and there seemed to be a slight competition for who could

spend the most time with me (or maybe that was just my newfound Italian brain talking).

Overall, the Italian holiday was one I will always keep very close to my heart.

The sights, people and culture were just some of the incredibly fascinating parts of the journey.

I cannot possibly thank ILC/ Co.As.It. highly enough for organizing such an unforgettable holiday!

To everyone involved in organizing, planning and coming on the trip, I say 'Grazie mille!'



And in the words of another student:

'Look, praygo!' said the Italian taxi driver as he skilfully negotiated the steep narrow Sorrento coast road - and go we did! It all began in Rome - the magnificent historical museum of the Western world.

Then on to glorious and glamorous Amalfi, famous for its coastline. But there was more!

The splendid rural countryside of Umbria and Tuscany with its powerful medieval towns, florid and magnificent Florence and the uniqueness of Venice radiating ornate style and artistic culture.

Italy seen via this ILC-organised tour was simply 'magnifica'! The tour was organized like a well oiled clock. All sites and cathedrals were accessed immediately, the local guides were always present, telling us stories, histories, secrets and pointing out the best things to see and the most breathtaking aspects to note.

Of course Italy is also all about the food!

The olive oil, the balsamic vinegar, the wine and the delicious fresh produce beautifully presented in each region. The tomatoes! So red, so sweet so abundant, so delicious.

I learnt about "bruschetta" – not just how to pronounce it properly but the way it should be: filling the plate generously with intense freshness, flavour and aroma.

Suddenly it was easy to speak Italian (as Sandino so eloquently and constantly proved!).

Practicing Italian was fun! Our trip finished at the Hilton Skyline rooftop bar in Venice.

As we admired the lights and glistening canals of Venice it was time to say not goodbye but 'arrivederci' until we return to Italy, this unforgettable country, cradle of our cultures.

Kathleen Foley