Welcome All To The 2017 School Year

We hope you’ve had a fantastic school holiday break spent with family and friends. At school, we’re now back into the swing of things, and whilst the students might notice a few changes around the place, many things have remained constant. School Attendance is still a priority for us - we know that missed learning can impact heavily on progress, behaviour expectations remain the same, and student learning is front and centre of everything we do here at Ubobo.

After a long and relaxing break, the staff have all returned ready to deliver quality education to the students.

⇒ Mrs Manttan is with us 2 1/2 days a week to teach English, Maths, and Technology.
⇒ Mrs Mac is with us 1 day a week to teach Science and HASS (a new subject that combines History and Geography called Humanities and Social Sciences).
⇒ Mrs Lester is with us an average of 3 1/2 days a week - 1 1/2 days as Teacher Aide and 2 days as Administration Officer
⇒ Mrs F is with us every day as Teacher Aide.
⇒ Mrs Muspratt is our cleaner.
⇒ Ms Del Riccio is our groundsperson.

A very big thankyou to all the staff for their hard work and dedication in the days leading up to the first day of school - preparing grounds, cleaning, setting up learning spaces etc. It’s very much appreciated.

Mrs F... aka Nanna!

Very big congratulations to Mrs F and husband, Jim, on becoming Grandparents over the break.

Ex-student Theresa and partner, Keith, are most chuffed and thankful for such a beautiful girl. Welcome Piper!
**2017 Booklist**

We thank families for their prompt payments of the booklists for students. A big thanks also to staff for covering books and sorting stationery ready for the students’ arrival. We're still waiting on the new library/homework bags to arrive, but hope they turn up soon.

**Important Dates**

For this first newsletter, some important dates have been added for events later in the year. Dates for Pink Stumps Day, our Cross Country, and Sports Day have already been set so we wanted to be able to communicate those as early as possible to allow families enough time to arrange days off if interested in attending.

**Learning Focus**

Schools always have a learning focus for the year. These are areas that the school has determined to be areas that need improvement. Ubobo’s previous area of improvement was Reading, and we have made great gains in this area over the past two years. With solid practices now in place, our focus can now shift. This won’t mean that ‘the ball will be dropped’ on Reading - it means that we believe the routines, teaching and practices we now have embedded with Reading are quality and will continue for the benefit of all.

Our focus this year is Writing. We have been working hard to develop a new Writing Framework to guide the learning that happens in our classroom. Our lessons will be organised using the Writing Process and the 6 Traits of Writing. Students have already begun some of this new learning, which helps to simplify the process of writing, regardless of the text type - be it narrative, persuasive, or an information text.

Additionally, we’re starting Before School Writing to further engage our young writers. There are plenty of fun things for the students to write about each morning, and we hope this daily, no judgement writing assists with writing automaticity (being able to write without thinking about letter and word construction), writing stamina, and just a love for writing.

We’re excited about this new focus and hope to see great gains in the students’ writing as a result.

**Welcome To Our New Students**

This week saw our two new students, Charlee and Vhilly, have their first day of Prep at Ubobo State School.

Both girls are settling in very well - straight into work on the first day!!!

We also welcomed Tenika back to Ubobo on Tuesday. She has been welcomed with open arms - the students were most excited!