Dear Everyone,

This is a short guide to life in Year 1/2 this year. On Mondays and Tuesdays, Savanna is teaching the class, while Susie works in the library. Susie teaches the class from Wednesday – Friday, while Savanna runs the ESL program and supports other classes. We program everything jointly and have divided up the curriculum between us. Our routines and expectations are consistent. For your information, here are the timetabled weekly activities that may involve your child.

MONDAYS – Unless it is a public holiday, homework will be handed out on Mondays from week 2 onwards each term.

• Assembly is held at 2.15 and will usually last until home time. You are more than welcome to attend assembly at any time.

TUESDAYS – The newsletter will always go home on a Tuesday. It can be accessed from the school website. If your child is the eldest child in the family and you have elected to receive a hard copy, it will be in their bags when they get home!

• Savanna’s RFF time is between 12.50 and 1.50. The students are taught by Mrs Myers during this time. Susie also has library admin time from 12.50-1.50, so if you need to see us in school hours, this is the best time.

WEDNESDAYS – Scripture is held from 9.00 – 9.30. If you do not wish your child to attend scripture lessons, you must send a note.

• Library is held between 9.30 and 10.30. It is essential that children have a library bag to protect the books they borrow. This doesn’t need to be anything fancy - a plastic bag would do, although something more environmentally friendly would be preferred.

• Junior Choir will be held from 2.15.

THURSDAYS

• Beginning later on this term, Susie will be running the research group during the middle session of the day. Mrs Myers will be teaching the class during this time.

FRIDAYS – Sport is held on Friday and sports uniform should be worn.

• Homework is also marked on Friday.
Other General Stuff that might be of help

• If your child is unwell, please keep him/her at home whenever possible. Unwell children don’t have a productive day at school and the healthy people don’t want their germs! However, if your child ever needs to take medicine during school hours, this needs to be administered by Vanessa Honey in the office. Classroom teachers are not permitted to dispense medicine and your child should not do so without adult supervision.

• It is very important that we have current contact details for you in case we need to reach you in an emergency. If you have recently moved, or changed your landline or mobile number, please give these details to Vanessa Honey in the office.

• If your child needs to wear glasses in the classroom for written work, please let us know.

• Strongly advise your child against bringing items of value to school. It is not pleasant to think that they may be stolen, but unfortunately this can happen from time to time. If something of value has been brought to school please let us know so that we can lock it away securely whenever we are out of the room. For the same reason, large sums of money – either for a school event or to spend at the canteen – should not be sent loose in your child’s bag. When sending money for school activities, it would be appreciated if this could be sent in a labelled envelope. This helps office staff identify who the money has come from and guards against money being lost, played with or spent accidentally!

• At certain times throughout the year, there may be events where the children are photographed with the possibility of publication in a variety of media (generally the local paper). If you have a serious concern about this, please let us know, so that we can ensure your child is not included in these photographs. Similarly, if you don’t wish photos of your child to be included on the website, please let us know.

• If you want to check out our “internet presence”, you can access our class blog at: www.kidblog.org/mops while our twitter handle is ClassPencil. We have also begun using Studyladder, which students can access from home at this direct link: http://www.studyladder.com.au/myschool/13350/myclass/498064. Our regular class page and communication blog can be found on the school website at www.mops.nsw.edu.au

School Supplies needed

• It is helpful if each child has basic general equipment like pencils, an eraser, a sharpener and a ruler. A pair of scissors and a glue stick would also be great. The children are welcome to bring in a small number of textas and pencils – a dozen is plenty. Please label these with your child’s name or initials if possible.

Finally, please don’t hesitate to let us know if there is anything that we can help with throughout the year. Thank you for your support!

Susie Hamers & Savanna Brule