Dear Parents,

How time flies! It’s hard to believe that we are already in Week 4! The beginning of the year has been a busy, yet exciting time for 5KH, and I am very pleased with the way students have settled into class. I am enjoying getting to know each child better with every passing day!

There are a few things I would like to share with you about what we have been up to, along with some exciting coming events...

**UOI**- Students have been inquiring into and analysing advertising techniques and persuasive writing. They have shared some fantastic ideas and opinions in class discussions. I am thrilled with the enthusiasm that students are showing! In the next few weeks, we will continue our inquiry and students will begin creating their own ad in small groups. I imagine they will turn out to be very creative and humorous!

**Maths**- Patterning has been the focus of our maths lessons, and students have discovered many different types of patterns, and have also been on a pattern walk around the school! Many students are making fantastic real-life connections with patterns and are deepening their understanding. We have also begun to look at M.C. Escher and his intriguing tessellation patterns.

**Classroom routines**- Students have settled in well to classroom routines and now understand class expectations. In Week Three we had our first class circle time, where we discussed some ways that we can continue to make our classroom a respectful and safe place for everyone. Students participated actively and listened respectfully to their classmates. A fantastic effort by everyone!

**Pancakes!** - Tuesday 21st February is Shrove Tuesday, and we will be honouring this day by making pancakes with our buddy class! We will eat these just before recess, so students will not need as much (if any) recess on this day. A big thank you to those parents who have offered to help with this!

**Carnival**- Tuesday 21st February is also the German celebration of Carnival. (This will be a very busy day for our class!) Frau Schrefl has offered to have a celebration with our class, and has asked that students bring a dress-up costume to school. Frau Schrefl sent a note sent home at the end of Week 3, which contains more information about this fun event. If you would like to clarify any details, please contact me.
I have really enjoyed getting to know more of our 5KH parents over the past few weeks, and would particularly like to thank everyone who was able to attend the Parent Information Night and the Coffee Morning. I look forward to many more interesting discussions!

Stay tuned in the next couple of weeks for photos from our class celebrations!
God Bless,

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**German News**

A warm welcome back everyone to the new school year! I hope your holidays were as relaxing as mine! The students from Reception to Year 5 will again have a German lesson once a week. In the first term we look forward to two exciting festivals: we have Carnival and will experience some hands on activities to do with Easter Traditions. We will also tie in with classroom Units of Inquiry and look at particular topics from a different perspective, while extending our language skills and cultural understanding.

Promising to be a busy term and some good fun!

Frau Schrefl