

15 May 2017

Dear Parents,

One of our long serving staff members who has been on leave, Ms Leith Mayne passed away last Friday. Ms Mayne was a much loved Teacher Aide, who was always nurturing with our children and highly committed to our school community. Leith will be remembered for her vibrancy, resourcefulness, creativity and artistic ability, all of which added enormously to our school's culture over her lengthy career with us at Pullenvale.

Ms Mayne had a serious medical condition and sadly has died as a result of that condition. Our school community is very sad for Ms Mayne's family and we will miss her as a colleague and friend at Pullenvale State School.

As a colleague, we would like you to know how much she treasured the families and children she worked with, and how grateful she was for the love and support the school community gave her.

Your child may have known Ms Mayne and may be upset or confused about her death. To support students and the community, we will have:

- our Guidance Officer (Mr Ben Williams) and School Chaplain (Mr Joshua Acaison) at school on Tuesday
- our Senior Guidance Officer (Mrs Christine Fitzpatrick) on Wednesday.

We know children do grieve and feel loss, even when they are very young. Often they can find it hard to express what they are feeling about someone dying. If you would like to read more on how children process and deal with grief, we suggest accessing information from the following link: <http://journeyofhearts.org/grief/help2.html>

If you are concerned about how your child is managing please make contact with your child's class teacher or the school's Admin team who can refer you to our school Guidance Officer or Chaplain.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding anything contained within this letter, please don't hesitate to contact the school on 3202 0333.

Yours sincerely,

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