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Dear parents and carers

It is with a heavy heart I share the news that Vanessa Anderson, a deeply loved and respected member of our school community, passed away over the weekend after a long battle with illness.

Vanessa has been part of Goollelal Primary School for eight years, working with great care and compassion as an Education Assistant. Over that time, she supported many students and touched countless hearts. Vanessa was a much-loved member of the Kingsley community, and we miss her presence at Goollelal Primary School every single day.

Our thoughts are with Vanessa's family and her many friends. Please respect their privacy at this sad time. There will be a condolence book at the office if you would like to write a message for the family.

This news will be shared with students from Years 2 – 6 at the end of the day today. Please take some time to connect with your child this evening and create space for them to talk with you if they wish. Information from [Kids Help Line](#) is available to support you to discuss sensitive topics such as grief and loss with your child.

Support will be available at school for students if needed. You will be contacted if we have concerns for your child. Other community services that can provide support for your child may include:

1. Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 (24hrs) www.kidshelpline.com.au
2. CAMHS Crisis Connect 1800 048 636
3. Your local or family General Practitioner or mental health provider

I know you will appreciate Vanessa's colleagues are all struggling to come to terms with this sad loss. Therefore, in consideration of this, I ask that should you have any queries to please contact the school leadership team on 6207 2100.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.

Kind regards,

Paul Fuller | PRINCIPAL

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