

### A value based alignment - Lions Clubs and Epilepsy Foundation

On the 28<sup>th</sup> November Helen Smith from the Epilepsy Foundation met with Jackie Purcell, Principal St Luke the Evangelist Primary School in Blackburn South, Lou Onley OAM and Peter Thomson from Lions Club of South Vermont (pictured below) to recognise and celebrate the success of the **Epilepsy Smart School: Lions Grant Program** which is enabling schools to receive valuable epilepsy awareness training for their staff through a schools grant program.



Jackie Purcell recognised the valuable work of the Lions Club and the support they received to access epilepsy awareness training, sharing with us “Our school appreciates the work of the Lions Club and specifically the work in raising the importance of this training with the school. Any support the Lions Club can provide through the grants program for our staff to be trained in supporting our students is very much appreciated.”

Helen Smith praised the work of the Lions Club in assisting the Epilepsy Foundation to extend their reach into schools, stating “1 in 200 children live with epilepsy, it is so important that we reach as many schools as possible to ensure that teachers have access to the information they need to support students living with epilepsy in their classroom”.

St Luke the Evangelist Primary School in Blackburn South was the first grant recipient of this new program. The Epilepsy Foundation look forward to working with Lions Clubs in 2018 as we work together to extend the reach of epilepsy awareness training in schools.

For more information on the Epilepsy Smart Schools Program or our work with the Lions Club visit [www.epilepsysmart.org.au](http://www.epilepsysmart.org.au) or email [smartschools@epilepsyfoundation.org.au](mailto:smartschools@epilepsyfoundation.org.au).