Throughout 2015, the Allied Health team, AKA the SPOT (Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy) Team have worked by the motto “Build it and they will come”. We set up different areas with a range of items that are different and unique. In Term 4, we have been lucky enough to have use of the Imagination Playground equipment to provide a new approach to loose parts play.

This method of set up promotes exploration, interaction and physical work, it is intrinsically motivating for students to participate due to their curiosity and the novelty of the activity. This type of activity is highly engaging, gets students moving, promotes healthy bodies and minds and is the perfect opportunity for playful learning. We believe that play spaces can enable students to be creative with their ideas and to experiment with problem solving and supervised risk taking.

There is so much goodness in Big Body Play because it is rich in learning and skill development. Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy has an integral role in supporting learning through Big Body Play. Students are actively involved in setting up, enjoying play throughout the day and helping to pack up. They are actively thinking and doing—this is the work!