Welcome to Year 6 for 2016. Here are some of the exciting activities we have been doing.

**Swimming Lessons**

All children in Year 6 have been doing swimming lessons for the past two weeks in groups according to their stages. Stages 13-14 have been working on life saving and are learning DRS ABCD and C.P.R. Stages 10-12 have been doing the clothes swim and life jacket training; they are also being taught different life saving techniques. In the stages 8-9 they have been learning side stroke and have been practicing their long distance swim. Stages 5-7 have been practising freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke. Swimming has been a great experience. Some lessons are difficult but most of the time it has been fun. Thank you St Joseph's Catholic Primary School for taking us to swimming lessons. We have learned how to swim and save lives!

By Amelia Mathews and Keely Bowling, some of the amazing Year 6’s.
Numero
This term we have been learning how to play the game NUMERO®. It is a great game for developing math skills such as mental computations and strategy. There are only 3 major rules in this game, you can take a card, discard a card or build a pile of cards by adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing. When you play this game you and your opponents must have 5 cards in your hand and then there are five cards in the centre. The cards in the centre are turned right side up and that is how you build and take. At any time in the game you can discard a card into the centre. To make a build you can add, subtract, multiply or divide cards using the centre but you must have the answer in your hand. The subtraction, multiplication and division cards are WILD cards and they are a free play from your hand.
Here is an example of a hand and centre-what is the best play you can make? Remember the object is to take the most cards in a build.
The fabulous Jake Barnes and Katelyn Hennessy

YOUR HAND

THE CENTRE
**Earth Hour**
The Year Sixes will be participating in School Earth Hour on the 18th of March. Earth hour is when people turn all of their electrical equipment off for one hour. Earth hour helps us to minimise our environmental footprint. Environmental footprints measure our effects on the environment. Using electricity causes pollution and the build-up of greenhouse gases which in turn causes global warming. We are going to write a letter inviting each of the classes at St Joseph’s to join us for School Earth Hour and we would really like you to join us for the worldwide Earth Hour on Saturday 19th March. If you want more information head to [https://earthhour.org.au/home/](https://earthhour.org.au/home/) By the Environmentally Friendly Team Gracy Firkins, Zoe Rundle, James Leventhal and Lewis Smith

**Student Council Speeches**
In Year Six we had the most terrifying, nerve racking, shaking of the legs event- our Student Council Leadership speeches. The year started with a bang, but it was all worth it. We didn’t have much time to get these speeches finished but we all pulled through just fine. It was exciting for some, scary for others but we all did a great job! On Friday the 29th of February at the first assembly, the roles were announced. It was a shocking and exciting time but in the end we were happy no matter what happened. We are proud to announce the Student Councillors for 2016. In the position of President we have Te Uluaki Poasa. Vice-president we have Brayden King. Treasurer is Timothy Bolt and we can't forget this year’s amazing secretary Tessa Liddington. The Sport Captains in 2016 for Murray we have Milly Mathews and Thomas Barton; for Peel we have Tate Catherall and Gracy Firkins and last but not least for MacKillop we have Will Backshall and Oscar Jones. Our Student Council Class Representatives are Cambell Tulloch and Meer Wal. So we hope you have a wonderful day and you have enjoyed this report on the Student Council Speeches written by the one and only Rachael Coates and the amazing Tessa Liddington.
Letter To Our Future Selves

We are busy writing letters to our future selves. Our letters consist of describing what we are like physically and mentally right now so our future selves can make a comparison. We have also thought carefully about the goals we would like to focus on to improve and shape ourselves this year. We have tried to answer a question grown-ups are consistently asking—What do you want to be when you grow up? When we were 5 we might have said a princess or an astronaut but now many of just don’t know, we just want to be happy! In 10 months I wonder how much we will change?

By the awesome Jody Wopereis and Willow Palmer
Little Lunch Video Conference

On the 23rd of March our class will be participating in a video conference with the cast of Little Lunch, a great kids show on ABC3. During this conference there will be other classes from schools all around Australia also participating. We will be asking some questions for the cast to answer but as our teacher Mrs Miller said we will have to be patient and wait our turn. We were thinking about questions we could ask and came up with this one. Have any of you been on any other shows or movies in the past? This video conference will be a very exciting experience and on behalf of all our class we want to thank everyone who set the conference up.

By the extraordinary Amelia Caporaso, Lily-Mae Muir and Meer Wal