Welcome Back!
It is great to have received such a warm welcome back to this wonderful school, after a year’s leave to study full-time for my Masters of Education at UNE. I still have some uni work to complete part-time and will finish my studies this year. I am looking forward to getting to know students in Years 7 and 8, in particular, and meeting parents. I would like to thank Ms Carolyn Lupton for all her hard work as Relieving Principal in 2015.

Antique Fair
Our annual Antique and Collectables Fair will be held in the AHS Auditorium from 2pm on Friday 19th to 4pm on Sunday 21st February. Our dedicated P&C Fair Committee are once again asking for assistance as this is the major fundraiser for AHS. The Fair is one of my favourite events as it demonstrates the cooperation of the whole school community and brings together staff, parents and students. There is a more detailed notice in this newsletter, but parents who are unable to spend an hour or two collecting money at the door, selling raffle tickets or helping in the café, can greatly assist by sending donations of cakes, slices, biscuits and other food to sell. I really enjoy seeing everyone working together to raise money for our students.

Twilight Swimming Carnival
After such a successful event last year, the Twilight Swimming Carnival will again be held on Thursday, 18th February starting at 3pm. Free buses will ensure that students arrive on time at the pool. On Friday, 19th Feb there will be minimal supervision at school in lieu of the extra time that students and staff spent at the carnival.

School Uniform
The sea of white, blue and burgundy at the assemblies on both Thursday and Friday mornings demonstrated students’ school pride. As it has been a bit cold and wet, parents are asked to please ensure that students have the school jumper, sloppy joe or jacket.

Band 6 (HSC 2015) Assembly
Thank you to all Year 12 (2015) students who were able to attend for the Band 6 Assembly, and congratulations to all those who received such high results. The whole school attended this Formal Assembly and current Year 12 students were presented with their Senior’s Badge and hoodie.

Congratulations to Shae Leske who has been selected for Encore, along with 18 other top HSC Music performers in the state. Congratulations also to Olivia Portell and Callum Argent-Schutz who, along with Shae, have been selected to perform in Bravissimo in Port Macquarie next week.

Anne Matley
Principal
Kempsey (North Coast, NSW). Adam also works as a graphic designer, exhibiting painter, cartoonist and illustrator and MCee. Adam has earned respect as a player of the Yidaki (Didgeridoo) and takes pride in the teaching of his culture mentors: The Yolngu of Nth East Arnhem Land. With a keen sense of humour and a passionate advocacy for social justice, the two combine regularly and are strikingly in his visual art and his public performance.

**WHEN AND WHAT:**
Adam is coming to Armidale High on the 17th March 2016 to present two extraordinary events

**SESSION 1** is called “Adamriginal”. Adam uses song, puppetry, language, personal stories and didgeridoo to explore Indigenous culture in different regions.

**SESSION 2** is called “The Didgeridoo’s and Don’ts of Urban Aboriginal Arts”. Adam uses exciting and challenging art based exercises to explore the idea of PLACE, introducing young artists to respectful use of Indigenous styles in their artmaking. Students will produce an artwork in this session.

**WHO:**
**1st Session**: Is opened to All Clontarf Boys, all Aboriginal students and any interested students in years 7, 8 and 9. There is a limit of 120 students for session 1 so be quick to give your name to Jess, Bruce or Ms Xeros.

**2nd Session**: Is opened to only Year 10, 11 and 12 and there is a limit of 60 students for this session, preference will be given to art and music students, so give your names to Jess, Bruce or Ms Xeros ASAP.

**Cost:**
**1st Session**: $2
**2nd Session**: $10
**Both sessions**: $12

**ANTIQUE FAIR HELP NEEDED!**
Could you provide cakes, slices & biscuits? Could you volunteer an hour or two of your time in the cafe or on the door at the AHS auditorium for one or more days of the **ANTIQUE FAIR**?

Exciting once in a lifetime opportunity to have a sleepover in the school auditorium. Seriously, we need volunteers to bunk out in the auditorium on Thursday, Friday & Saturday night during the fair.

If you can help, please contact the school on 6776 7466 or email roger.i.horton@det.nsw.edu.au and we will get back to you with available time slots for you to select from.

Any food donations can be delivered on the days during the opening hours of the **ANTIQUE FAIR**.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

**IF YOU ARE A NEW PARENT AND WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE EMAIL ALERT FOR THE OAK LEAF, PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. The newsletter will only be available on the website or by email.**