Hamlyn Banks Primary School has once again been accepted to participate in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular in the primary school massed dance ensemble.

The Spectacular is one of the largest recurring performances in Australia and is a massive Performing Arts event that showcases the enormous talent of students across Victorian government schools. It is a professionally staged production performed at Hisense Arena in Melbourne to an audience of over 10,000 people.

The 2016 Spectacular will take place this year on **Saturday 10th September**. All cast members and performers will also be required for full technical and dress rehearsal on **Thursday the 8th and Friday the 9th of September 2016**. There are also four regional rehearsals on dates and times which will be announced later.

To be part of the show students **do not** have to have a background in dancing. In fact one of the aims of the Spectacular is for schools to encourage children, boys and girls, who are simply committed, enthusiastic, willing to work hard and have a go. Students will need to commit to a weekly rehearsal that will take place during a recess or lunchtime yet to be determined and attend all regional rehearsals.

This year we have been given a limit of only 16 children who can participate from our school in the Spectacular. If more than 16 students request to take part we may need to conduct a ballot or another process to decide who will go.

Parents and carers are asked to note the commitment, dates of the performance day and rehearsals as well as the possible costs of between $120-140 per student. If your child would like to nominate to be involved please complete the attached form and return to the school office by the **12th of February**.

Yours sincerely,

Felicity O’Halloran & the Schools Spectacular Team

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**Expression of Interest to participate in the Victorian Schools Spectacular 2016**

**Primary Massed Dance Group**

Student Name:..........................................................

Grade:..............................................................

I.................................................................................(parent name) have read and understood the above information in regards to costs and the time involved for my child to participate in the 2016 schools spectacular.

Parent signature:......................................................

To avoid disappointment, please return to the office by Friday the 12th of February 2016