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DANCESPORT CHALLENGE 2013 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Dear Year Five Parents,

Your child is invited to participate in an innovative learning experience following in the footsteps of "Dancing with the Stars" and the successful American program "Mad Hot Ballroom". Following the huge success of the program over the last seven years, our school has once again been invited to be part of this amazing experience.

The program will result in each student receiving ballroom dancing lessons from a Professional Dance Instructor for a period of 1 hour per week for a minimum of 15 weeks over Terms 2 and 3, culminating in a wonderful gala night Thursday 12th September. This program is set to start in Week 2 of Term 2 and end on September 12 with the culmination of the program being a gala dance-off, where all students will 'strut their stuff' on the floor of the State Sports Centre, Homebush.

Thirty students from year five (15 boys and 15 girls) will be selected to form the team. During the tenth week of tuition the dance tutor will select four couples to represent our school as the finalists in one of the four dances taught. All students will dance at the Grand Finale on Thursday 12 September at the State Sports Centre. While the finale is a competition the emphasis is on **enjoyment and participation**.

Over the past few years the finale has been a sold out event and has also been heavily promoted in the media. This is an exciting opportunity for your child to participate in a government sponsored program that has been widely accepted overseas. If selected, students are expected to behave appropriately at all times and complete a Code of Conduct. If they choose to not follow school rules, they may lose their place in the dance group.

Should your child gain a place in the program please take note of the dates as their full commitment to the program is important. No refunds will be given if students are absent.

Costs are outlined below:

- 15 lessons @ \$5.00 per lesson= \$75.00
- Boys require closed black shoes and girls require black ballet flats for the finale

Fortunately we are very lucky that our school will cover the cost and responsibility of costumes and accessories.

Please do not send any money until the team has been finalised. You will be notified at the end of this term and money can be included in Term 2 costs. If your child is selected, the fee may be paid up front in full, or in two instalments of \$50.00 (due by Friday 3rd May) and \$25.00 (due by Friday 17th May).

Please return the expression of interest form below by Wednesday 10th April to Ms Perestrelo.

Cheryl Glover
Principal

Ms Perestrelo & Ms Nedanovska
Supervising teachers

Dancing Classrooms

I would like my child _____ of class _____ to be considered for inclusion in the ballroom dancing initiative at McCallums Hill Public School.

I understand that the commitment is for 15 weeks, costs **\$75.00**, that **refunds cannot be given** and that I need to supply **the required footwear for my child for the finale**.

Signed _____
Parent/Caregiver

Date _____