



Chloe Filtness (centre) hugs her sister Zara and mum Sally. Picture: Angelo Velardo

## Chloe puts tough time behind her

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CHLOE Filtness was forced to face her toughest battle when she was two years old.

In March 2017 the now five-year-old was diagnosed with Wilms tumor, a childhood cancer that starts in the kidneys, and started chemotherapy within a week of diagnosis.

"We didn't have time to feel anything, it was pretty much 'what are we going to do to treat this?' from the first second," mum Sally Filtness, of Beecroft, said.

"Chloe is very selfless, she's social and grateful, and she has such a social and emotional intelligence, which I think has come from this tough time in and out of hospital."

Chloe and her twin Zara are inseparable and Mrs Filtness's biggest worry was how they would cope being away from each other.

"They rely on each other for support and comfort, they are besties," Mrs Filtness said.

"They'll take care of each other if they get scared at night, they share everything together. All I could think when she was diagnosed was how will Zara cope."

After intensive and immediate chemotherapy Chloe was deemed cancer-free but requires six-monthly scans to be sure.

Chloe was named one of the faces of the Jeans for Genes Day campaign, which raises funds for research into childhood cancers and genetic diseases.