

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

20th March 2013



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

E DAY ASSEMBLY

Next Monday, we will be having a special assembly at 11:00am, rather than at 9:30am. This will allow the children time to make their Easter hats for our parade. Please check the E Day details later in this newsletter!

HARMONY DAY

Tomorrow we will be celebrating Harmony Day and we encourage the children to wear something orange. As it is also Seniors' Week, we are particularly inviting grandparents to join us for a special morning tea at 11:30am. Parents are welcome too! Please let the school know if you are coming, so we can ensure we have enough for everyone.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Just a reminder that our holidays are different than Victoria at the end of this term. While schools in Victoria finish on Thursday, 28th March, our school term ends on Friday, 12th April.

CROSS COUNTRY

All classes will be starting to train for the school cross country over the coming weeks. This will be held in the second week of next term on May 10th.

U3A RECORDER GROUP VISIT

The U2A Recorder Groups will be visiting on Wednesday 27th March and holding a small concert for the children at 2:30pm. Please come along for a listen if you wish.

Cathy Eddie- Principal

MARCH/APRIL/MAY 2013

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				21/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm Harmony Day	22/3 Year 4,5 & 6 Our Legends Our Treasure Excursion	23/3
24/3	25/3 Easter 'E' Day Kids Club 3.30pm-5pm	26/3 Secondhand Uniform Sale 9-10am Canteen	27/3 U3A Recorder Concert 2:30-3pm AASC 3:45—4:45pm Book Club Orders due	28/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	29/3 Good Friday	30/3
31/3	1/4 Easter Monday	2/4	3/4 AASC 3:45-4:45pm	4/4 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	5/4 Yr 4/5H & 6M River Excursion	6/4
7/4	8/4 UNSW Comp Entries Close	9/4	10/4	11/4	12/4 Donut Day Last Day of Term 1	13/4
	29/4 Staff Development Day	30/4 Staff Development Day	1/5 Students return for Term 2	2/5	3/5	4/5

BOOK CLUB CLEARANCE ORDERS

Any class book club clearance orders and money need to be returned to the front office by Wednesday 27th March.

ICY POLES

Due to popular demand year 4/5H will continue to sell icy poles on Wednesday and Thursday lunch times. The class has decided that they would like to purchase books for the library and has constructed a wish list of books. The icy poles will remain \$1 each.

SPORTS NEWS

Last Friday 15th March six students travelled to Broken Hill for the Barrier trials. Chloe Hyde was successful making it to the netball team and Caleb Dannatt the AFL. Congratulations!!! Well done to Amber Thompson, Zachary Hyde, Mitchell Bysouth and Harley Jones for your excellent efforts during the day. Both Chloe and Caleb will be travelling to and from Broken Hill for training before their carnivals. Caleb will be competing in Barooga in May and Chloe in Broken Hill in July. Chloe and Caleb are selling raffle tickets at the front office for \$1 each to help them with their expenses for uniform and travel. Let's get behind them!

Cross Country

Our school cross country is being held on the 10th May. Now is the time for the children to start practicing. The infants (5, 6 & 7 year olds) will be running a 1km track, Juniors (8, 9 & 10 year olds) a 2km course, 11 year olds and seniors (12 & 13 year olds) a 3 km track. Get practicing!!

IMPORTANT CANTEEN NEWS

1. Some children are not handing their lunch order in the morning before school and then bringing their lunch order up at lunch time and expecting hot food. The canteen only prepared enough hot food for the amount ordered in the morning. In future the children who forget to put in their order will be given a sandwich
2. The only drinks available at recess time will be bottled water.

Active After School Sports

Active After School Sports is a free sports coaching program designed to increase the basic sport skills of kids who are not already a part of an organised sporting club. It is run at Wentworth Public School after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 to 4:45pm. If you are interested in participating in the program, your child needs to have a signed permission form, which is available at the school office.

The program for Term One is as follows:

Wednesdays - Cricket

Thursday - Lawn Bowls

If you have already signed up for Active Afters this term, it would be greatly appreciated if your child came to each session. Due to low turnout and student inconsistencies, it has been difficult to run the program in the way that it was intended.

Cheers,

Brian Gray

EASTER E-DAY CELEBRATIONS

The school Easter E-day Celebrations will be held next Monday 25th March.

As a part of the celebration, the students will be participating in an Easter hat/bonnet construction session at the beginning of the day. Parents and family members are invited to stay and help and maybe offer some inspiration or creativity to the students, as they create their bonnets. We are asking that if you have any bibs and bobs lying around at home, that the students could use to help construct their hats, that you very kindly donate them to the school: anything will be welcomed.

Students will have the opportunity to take part in three activities; biscuit decorating, basket constructing and egg shaped sun catchers. We will be holding a special sausage sizzle lunch, where the parents and care givers are invited to join the students and staff for lunch and a friendly chat.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

9.30-10.20am Easter Bonnet/Hat construction with parents

10.30-11.00am Easter Hat Parade

11.00-11.30am Special Assembly—Recorder performance from Year 6
and a song from the Kindergarten students

11.30-12.00am Recess

12.00-12.30pm 1st Activity

12.30-1.00pm 2nd Activity

1.00-1.30pm 3rd Activity

1:30pm Join us for a wonderful BBQ lunch

Please wear casual dress on the day. Make sure it is appropriate clothing for school.

REMINDERS

School Photographs—Wednesday 20th March (envelopes to be returned on Tuesday 19th March)

UNSW Competitions—Entries Close on Monday 8th April

Kids Club is held every Monday 3:30pm to 5pm

School Banking—Wednesday Morning

CLASS LIBRARY SESSIONS

Kinder - Friday	1/2S - Tuesday
2/3G - Thursday	3/4M - Wednesday
4/5H - Friday	6M - Wednesday

SCHOOL FEES—ALL STUDENTS

\$20 per child

\$50 per family (if you have more than 2 children)

KITCHEN GARDEN FEES (Students in Years 3 to 6)

For Term 2, 3, & 4

\$15 per term

VOICE AND PIANO LESSONS

Louise Judd has vacancies in her program on Tuesday. Please phone her for more details on: 50248370 or 0408596944. Louise can also teach Clarinet and Saxophone but students have to have their own instruments. Louise conducts these lessons during school times at the school on Tuesdays.

NUT BAN

As we have students who have a **SEVERE** allergy to nuts, children are requested **NOT** to bring any nuts or products containing nuts, in their lunches.

NEWSLETTERS ON THE NET

A compressed version of the School Newsletter is available on the School's Web page: **www.wentworth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au**

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

If you wish to receive the newsletter via email please let the office ladies know your email address and they will organise this to happen.

HEAD LICE

Please check your child's hair regularly for Head Lice. Hair must be treated before children are permitted to attend school.

Wentworth Junior Soccer Team

When: Every Monday

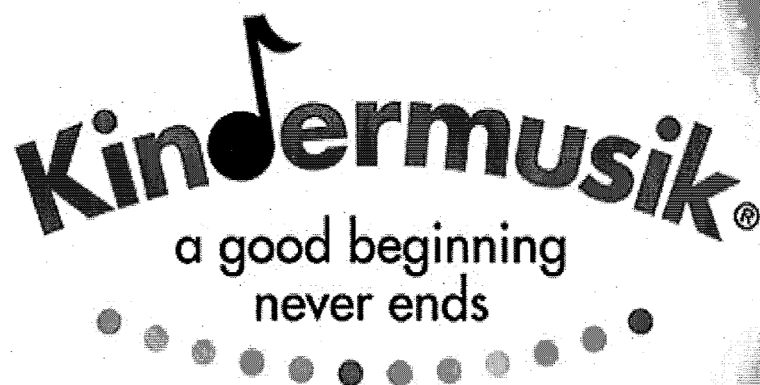
Place: Wentworth Public School Oval

Time: 3:30-5:30pm

Age Group: Between 8yrs to 17 yrs

Please come along and join up

**For Further information please contact: Aaron Taylor—Mallee Family
Care on 50277600 to register**



Kindermusik Classes are here in Mildura!



Listen and move. Play and grow. This is Kindermusik, the most trusted music and movement program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and young children.

Enrolments for classes close 25th March 2013
Check out our website for more details

Enrol Now

Contact Alissa:

Mobile : 0422 849 045

Email : alissa_tucker@hotmail.com

Come along for a trial class Saturday 16th March 11am or
Monday 18th March 11am. Secure your place at
www.kindermusikwithalissa.weebly.com

Kid's Stuff

'Fun support groups for kids aged between 5 and 12 years from separated/divorced families'

Mallee Family Care will be running Kid's Stuff groups in 2013 - the goal of these groups is to support children through their parent's separation and/or divorce. In the sessions children will experience fun activities, discussions and games all aimed at focusing on strengths and coping strategies.

The groups run for 6 weeks, 2 hours per week from 4pm to 6pm at 105 Lemon Avenue Mildura - Term 2 dates are;

Monday nights - April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20, May 27, June 3.

Total Cost \$30, conc apply, no child will be excluded due to inability to pay. It does not matter how long parents have been separated for. An interview time will be arranged with parents to discuss each child referral to the groups.

Groups will run each Term and school holiday options will be available.

The group weekly sessions cover these topics:

- * What's happened to my family? * Things are different now.
- * Sad days, bad days and glad days. * I am not alone.
- * I am an amazing person. * Adjusting to a new life.

If you are interested in hearing more about the Kid's Stuff groups or to register, call Lisa-Maree or Tania on 50 217400 or email; lmstevens@malleefamilycare.com.au or (Made possible by Mildura Rural City Council Community Project Grant)

ABORIGINAL STUDENT MEETING

In our weekly meetings, we have been talking about '*Identity*', knowing who you are and where you come from. Students in Primary classes will be putting together an Identity poster which will be displayed in the school. The students will be given some homework for this small project. We have also been talking about RESPECT, and the students needed to find out a symbol or picture, from their family, which represents Respect. If you have any questions regarding this project or would like to help, please contact me at the school .

PERSONALISED LEARNING PLANS (PLP)

PLPs are apart of the Aboriginal Education and Training Policy, which states that every Aboriginal student in the school will develop one as part of the two way learning (home to school and school to home). PLPs will be discussed and developed at interviews in partnership with teacher, parents and student. If you have any questions regarding PLPs, please contact me at the school.

HARMONY DAY

Is the importance of all Australians respecting one another regardless of Cultural, Racial or Religious differences and a sense of belonging for everyone.

The colour orange was selected for Harmony Day because it is an active colour that implies celebration.

Year 6 students will be cooking Damper, making sandwiches, cutting fruit and Lemon drink will be available to celebrate this special day, families are invited to join us for morning tea at 11.30am.

Please support Harmony Day by wearing orange on Thursday 21st March.

Trish Jones AEO

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALES

Kellie Ricardi will be holding a second-hand uniform sale in the canteen from 9-10am on Tuesday 26th March. A price list & order form will be given to the children tomorrow.

CANTEEN ROSTER

22 nd March 2013	Donna Moylan	Sheryl Brown
5 th April 2013	Mandy Bone	Kaye Hyde
12 th April 2013	Kathryn Baird	Amber Baird

Next Donut Day: 12th April 2013. Donuts are \$1 each.

LOWER ANABRANCH SPORTING & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

are holding their **Annual Picnic and Sports Day** on **Saturday 20th April 2013** at 1pm sharp.

Starting with the kids running races. Entry free, Raffle and Lolly guess held.

Afternoon tea supplied including cordial for the kids. BYO drinks, Shared evening BBQ, please bring meat and a salad. Evening entertainment provided. Coin roll. **A great family day!**

All welcome.

KINDER H NEWS

Another week flies by. Not long now until the students have finished their first term of school. I am really pleased with where the students are in terms of their sound knowledge. We are a little behind with sight words. This is why I have included them in this week's homework. Please take every opportunity to let your child learn their four words and practice writing them.

This week we congratulate Olive Watson-Kiely for being nominated our Student of the Week. Congratulations, also, to Tyson Lever and Noah Pearce for receiving Achievement certificates for their following of the school values.

Next Monday we will be taking part in the school Easter 'E' day. First thing in the morning we will be spending some time making Easter hats for the parade. If anyone can help us during this session it would be appreciated. The hats will be made from a cardboard band, different sized egg shapes cut from card decorated and attached to the band. We are looking for donations of Easter stickers, ribbon, and paper for this activity. If your child wishes to make their own hat before the big day, that is fine. I will have some Easter colour in pictures they can do while we are making the rest of the hats. The Kindergarten class will also be presenting a short item during the whole school assembly at 11am. Hope to see you there! Students are allowed to come in casual clothes on Monday. Please make sure they have appropriate footwear and clothing for a day of school.

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There are quite a few of the Kindergarten children not borrowing library books on Fridays. Children just need to bring a library bag and they can borrow some of the great books from our library. Miss Shields also gives out raffle tickets to the students who do borrow

I will be attending my second day of L3 training next Wednesday 27th March. I am also having the trainer visit our classroom on Monday afternoon to monitor how the program is going. L3 comprises reading and writing. Talk to your child about what they do when they come to my table during rotations. Our next three sounds are r, m and d. They will be taught this week and next week will be spent revising what we have done so far and working on putting the sounds together to make simple words.

We had a great visit to the kitchen garden last week, where Vince gave us a talk about the growing of cotton. During rotations this week this subject has been followed up in the science area.

Homework was sent home on Monday. It is due back next Monday. There will be no homework for the following two weeks due to the Easter break.

Have a great week,

Natalie Hopcroft

YEAR 1-2S NEWS

Congratulations to our star student for this week Haylee Darby who was chosen by her classmates for her excellent active listening and always following our school values. Our school value **-have a go and stay on task** is the focus in our class and Ryan and Charli received an award for doing their best, while Angus received an award for making sensible choices for his learning.

This week we are starting a new big book called ***Run Hare Run*** by John Winch. It is fantastic and it ties into our visual arts theme of portraits. We have just finished working very hard on a big book called ***Willy the Wimp*** by Anthony Browne. We have started to explore idioms, conjunctions, adjectives, verbs, questions and exclamation marks.

Our PD Health unit this term has been focused on school values, getting along with others and school expectations.

Our maths focus this term has been arithmetic strategies, friends of 10, counting forwards and backwards, number patterns, adding, subtracting, length and 3D shapes. If parents /carers could reinforce any of these areas at home, it would really help your child at school.

Our goal setting interviews have been really positive and valuable and if we haven't met yet, please come in and make a time to meet. My apologies for not being able to attend the meetings arranged for last Wednesday.

Just a reminder that I have allocated some topics for news. **Please only bring in something on your news day.** Some children are still bringing in something every day. While small props are good, you don't have to bring in anything... children can just speak.

Week 8 (18th March-) when I grow up...

Week 9 (25th March-) favourite animals

Week 10 (1st April-) favourite sports

Week 11 (8th April-) holidays

Have a great week,

Trish Slade.

3/2G News

Congratulations to Hannah Fordham for being chosen as our Student of the Week this week. Jasmine McDermott and Dylan Bagnall were selected by the class to receive achievement awards for being honest in their actions and words. Well done to each of you!

Hats have been a big issue in our classroom lately. Many students are forgetting to bring their hats or choosing not to wear them. Can you please ensure that your child has a school hat with their name clearly written on it.

Brian

YEAR 3/4M NEWS

Congratulations to Piper Nash who was our Student of the Week last week, also well done to Summer and Jack who received achievement awards.

Well done to those children who are remembering to do their homework each night and return their books on Fridays. It is essential that children practice their reading, spelling and maths at home in order to achieve their set goals .

We have been having a great time with our Kitchen Garden programme, however to ensure we can continue with this programme, we desperately need parent helpers! If you are able to help out in the kitchen from 12-1.30pm on a Tuesday please let me know. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

On Monday, the children will be participating in E-Day as part of our lead up to Easter. Children will be making Easter Hats, followed by a fun morning of Easter activities. If you wish to make a hat over the weekend, please feel free to do so.

A reminder that it is Harmony day tomorrow, we would love to see as many parents/grandparents and caregivers in to join us for a shared morning tea at 11.30. Remember to wear something orange!

Have a good week.

Thanks,

Bridgit Milne

YEAR 4/5H NEWS

Our Naplan focus has begun in the lead up to the tests, which are held between the 14th to the 16th of May. The students have taken part in the first of three video conferences with Paul Stafford. The students came up with some great ideas as to why Wentworth Public School should have a T-Rex and have constructed a letter to the principal outlining their arguments. We are now awaiting the go ahead from Mrs Eddie before we purchase the school's new, very useful pet.

On Friday morning year 4, 5 & 6 are all heading to the town hall for an exhibition called 'Our Legends, Our Treasures'. The exhibition will contain lots of memorabilia and will have local content. While on Tuesday the class will be going to the Sydney Opera House for a visit. Well not quiet but we will be shown around the Opera House via video conference.

I have begun including Naplan style questions in the students homework. A reminder that homework is due in on a Friday.

Congratulations to Olivia Daymond who is this weeks 'Student of the Week'. The class selected Kirra-lee Bride and Danielle Stanborough to receive our class awards.

Next week we have E-day on Monday in the lead up to Easter. Have a great week.

Cheers Jen

SPECIAL YEAR 4/5H & 6M NEWS

Our first venture down to the river for the Murray Darling Basin Authority project will be on Friday April 5th. More information in next weeks newsletter.

YEAR 6M NEW

Congratulations to all who travelled to Broken Hill last Friday for the Barrier Trials. Special congrats to Caleb and Chloe for making it into the AFL and netball team.

Once again it has been and will continue to be a busy week, with VC's, photo shoots and an upcoming excursion to view the Our Legends Our Treasures exhibition this Friday.

Next Monday we will be taking part in our first 'E' day for the year. Please make sure you read the newsletter item regarding this. L

If anyone can help us during the Easter hat construction session it would be appreciated. Any donations towards the construction and decoration of these hats is also much appreciated.

Thank you to Bec Bysouth who kept hounding the Year 6 polo dealers to have the shirts sent in time for the school photos. Although they have arrived from the main supplier, they have now been passed on to the person who is organising the back design. Hopefully this will only take a few weeks and they should be back before our school holidays.

Reminders:

- Our Legends Our Treasure excursion permission notes.
- **Art smock (essential)**
- 1L or 600ml milk/juice cartons rinsed out.
- Easter raffle booklet returned
- Year 6 Canberra Excursion notes returned by Friday 5th April

Enjoy your week,
Sandra Marziano

FOR SALE

Blood Plum Jam
In
The Front Office
\$4

All proceeds towards the
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Achievement Certificates

Kinder H: Tyson Lever & Noah Pearce

1/2S: Charli McCabe, Ryan Norris & Angus Hopfner

2/3G: Dylan Bagnall & Jasmine McDermott

3/4M: Summer Halls & Jack Andrews

4/5H: Kirra-Lee Bride & Danielle Stanborough

6M: Aden Taylor-Tate & Dominik Robinson

Music Certificates

Travis Witte & Olivia Daymond

Principal's Certificates

Travis Witte, Aden Taylor-Tate, Jet Rodgers, Dexta Watson-Kiely, James Krahnert, Lyle Thorne & Drew Kuzman

Darling Street Wentworth

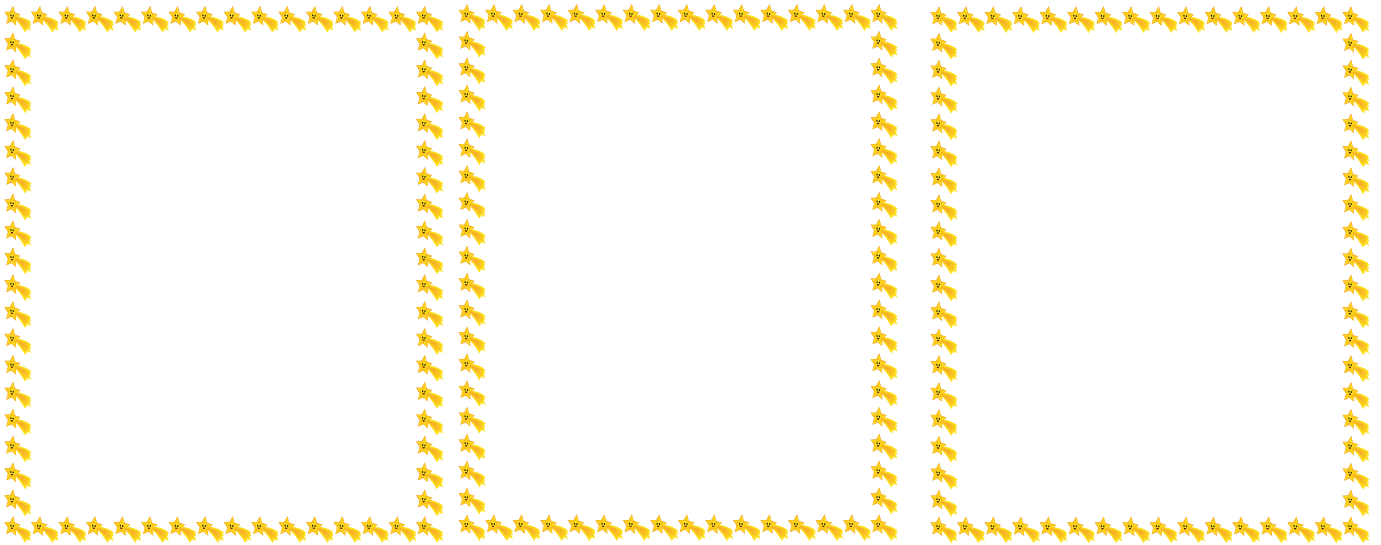
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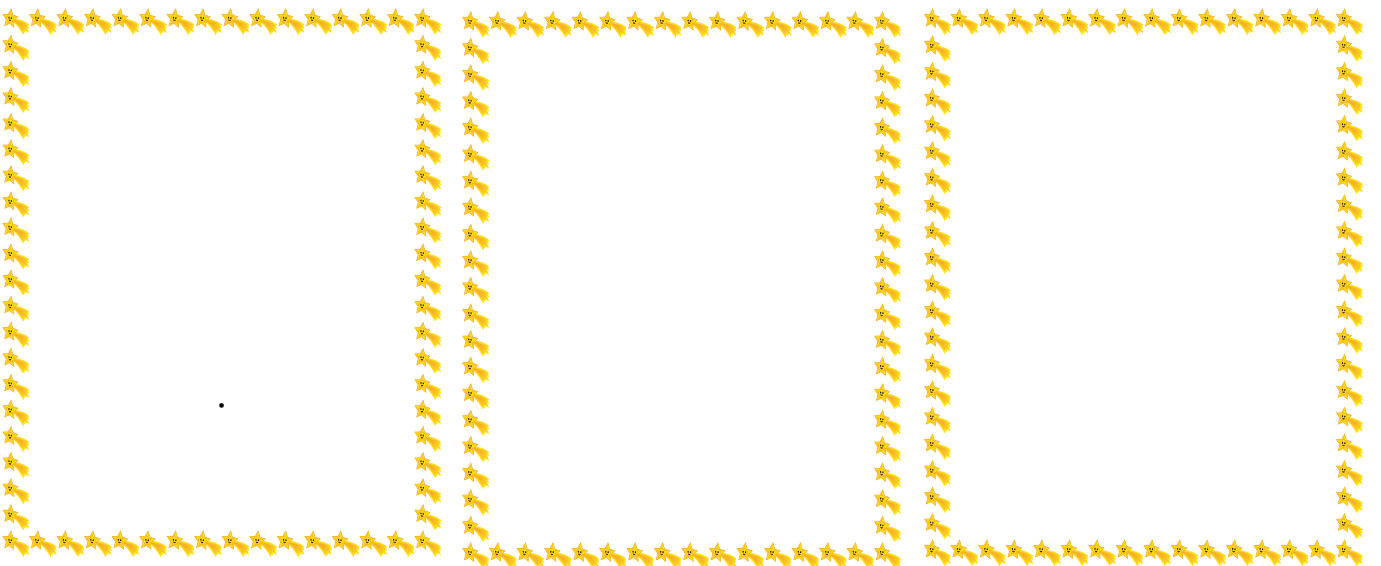
Student of the Week



**Olive
Watson-Kiely**

Haylee Darby

Hannah Fordham



Chloe Nash

Olivia Daymond

Amber Shaw