



Prince Harry yesterday as Prince William visits Oxford (below right); and Kate and Prince George in Canberra in April (below).

A BEAMING Prince Harry says he hopes the new royal baby will be a princess.

Delighted that he is to be an uncle again, the clown prince joked he couldn't wait to see his brother William "suffer more" by having to cope with another baby as well as 13-month-old Prince George.

And he welcomed the idea of William having a daughter: "I'd love to see him try and cope with that!"

Prince Harry — visiting competitors training for the Invictus Games, a Paralympic-style event for wounded soldiers from 13 nations, including Australia — was clearly unperturbed that he will now be fifth in line to the throne behind the new arrival, George, William, and his father, Prince Charles.

When this was pointed out Harry, who turns 30 next week, grinned: "Great!"

And he said: "I think George will be over the moon. I think he will be thrilled having a younger brother or sister."

Prince William spoke yesterday of his concern for his wife, 32, who is suffering from a debilitating

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bout of hyperemesis gravidarum, the same sickness that blighted the early weeks of her pregnancy with George.

She was believed to be on a drip to rehydrate, under the care of doctors at the couple's Kensington Palace apartment.

After an engagement at Oxford University, William said: "She's feeling OK. It's been a tricky few days, week or so, but obviously we are basically thrilled. It's great news."

"Early days — we're hoping things settle down and she feels a bit better," he said.

Kate is now little more than six to eight weeks into the pregnancy, well below the 12-week "safe" point at which mothers-to-be usually announce they are expecting. The baby is due around April.

A source said: "They really didn't want to make this news public so soon. It wasn't a decision they were comfortable with having to make, but they felt they couldn't just keep saying she was ill."

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