



Midwives celebrating their national day yesterday presented mothers in Napier with flowers while children received balloons.

## *Celebrating midwifery*

The midwives marked national midwives day with a stall in Emerson St and celebrations were also held at the Napier hospital where mothers were given presents.

Hawke's Bay spokeswoman for the New Zealand College of midwives Ms Julie Kinloch said some Napier florists donated the flowers.

Around 25 midwives from the Arohaina maternity unit were involved in yesterday's celebrations.

Sixty midwives belong to the Hawke's Bay branch of the college which extends from Te Puia and Levin. The college was formed earlier this year to provide midwives with an identity distinct from nurses and to give them a professional voice.

Pictured from left, Mrs Michelle Baty holds Samantha with Ashley, while Napier midwives Ms Joan Barton, Miss Liz Jolly and Ms Julie Kinloch, kneeling, look on.