



# Baby boom hits Levin

Otaki doesn't have a corner on the baby boom — the Levin Maternity Hospital has also been joining in the fun and games.

Not to be outdone by the Otaki Maternity Hospital, which produced six babies in 16 hours last month, yesterday four babies were born within 16 hours of each other at Levin.

Acting principal nurse Peggy Taplin said it was the first time in almost 10 years that four babies had been born on one day, let alone in 16 hours.

The occasion would go down in history and certainly would not

be forgotten in a hurry, she said.

Jane Kay (left front) and baby Matthew, first at 12.15am, Ginny O'Connor was third with her as yet unnamed baby boy at 7am, Ellen Renata was last to bring Christopher into the world just before four in the afternoon while Leighanne Verrent (right front) gave birth at dawn to the only girl, Sarah, at 5.56am.

The run-off-their-feet staff look on (left to right) Steve Norris, acting principal nurse Peggy Taplin, Paul Tapling, Janet Gillard and Wendy Devlin.