



From left: Alice Chambers, Mia Fyall, owner and manager Rebecca Scott and Cameron Long.

New childcare programme hailed as best in the country

By TRACEY CHATTERTON

A Selwyn childcare scheme has been recognised as the best new programme in New Zealand.

The OSCAR foundation named Busy Bumbles as the best new programme in the country.

Owner and manager of the before and after-school care programme Rebecca Scott said she was humbled by the award.

"It is quite an achievement and one that myself, my staff and our children are very proud of."

Busy Bumbles opened at the beginning of 2010 at Rolleston School with only one child.

Now more than 50 children attend on some days.

Another venue at Lincoln was opened in the middle of last year and has more than 20 children attending every day.

A Springston venue will be opening

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Mrs Scott taught for 15 years, but when she had her own children, she realised the importance of quality childcare.

So she left the classroom to start up her own business. "I recognised a need for after school care and so went ahead and set up Busy Bumbles."

Letters of support from parents, principals and the community helped the business win the award.

"The reward reflects my exceptional staff who, without a doubt, look at Busy Bumbles as a passion as opposed to a job."