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Friends April Young from Lower Moutere, Katie Coppell, Lottie Stow and Ursula Pine from Upper Moutere said they were hiding under the umbrella between looking for food. More photos page 10.

Festival fine despite the rain

Jane Wells

Farmers and gardeners were delighted with the weekend's rain but Sarau Festival organisers were anxious as Sunday dawned damp and although numbers were down everyone who came dressed for the occasion had a great time.

"In eight years this is the first day's rain so we've been lucky" said organiser Jenny Leith.

The community will still benefit from the money raised.

"The book stall alone raised \$2,800, thanks to Sharon

Beuke's organisational skills."

Live music was continuous and even in the heaviest rain children danced.

The Cancer Society's sun umbrellas and the numerous gazebos about the grounds provided shelter with hay bale seats dragged under them for comfort.

And in places like Laser Tag participants were so involved in either avoiding or stalking their foes they were oblivious to the weather.

Some things were transferred into the hall.

Celebrity chef Steve Richards created a wonderful chocolate cake and superb icecream inside.

And the Tai Chi group showed everyone how it's done.

The Filipino dancers delighted the crowd and the ever popular Japanese Raijin Taiko drummers were as enthusiastic and as polished as ever.

In the Grown in the Moutere tent the ins and outs of olive and hop growing were shared with an interested audience.

And many more people now know about the benefits of

Sujon Powder following Claire Dallison's talk.

She's the fitness manager for the Tall Blacks and spoke about its use in helping muscle recovery.

In the History Tent were the banners of local history and books but as well many were fascinated by the histories of the local men who fell in World War One.

They've been collected by Eileen Thawley of Mahana.

Outside, the individual crosses were lined up on the bank in front

of the building, many with a photograph of the soldier attached.

The next time they'll be seen will be on Anzac Day at Mapua.

The 87 entries in the photography competition, which was judged by Motueka photographer Lisa Ball, attracted a large crowd all day.

Thirteen year old Alfie Linn was stoked to win the Under 15 section with his beautifully photographed "Boats on the Estuary".

All in all it was another great festival despite the damp.

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Snapped out&about



Siti and Sunnie of Golden Bay enjoy the sun at Luminata.



Jacob, Zac and Brody are ready for their first day back at school.



Tomas and Stella.



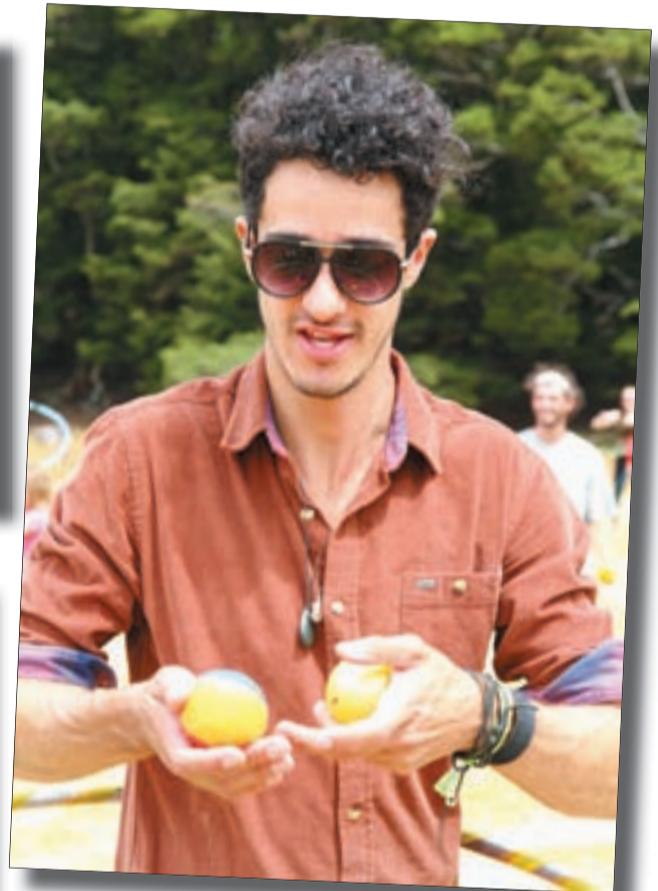
Lori and Lola of Golden Bay.



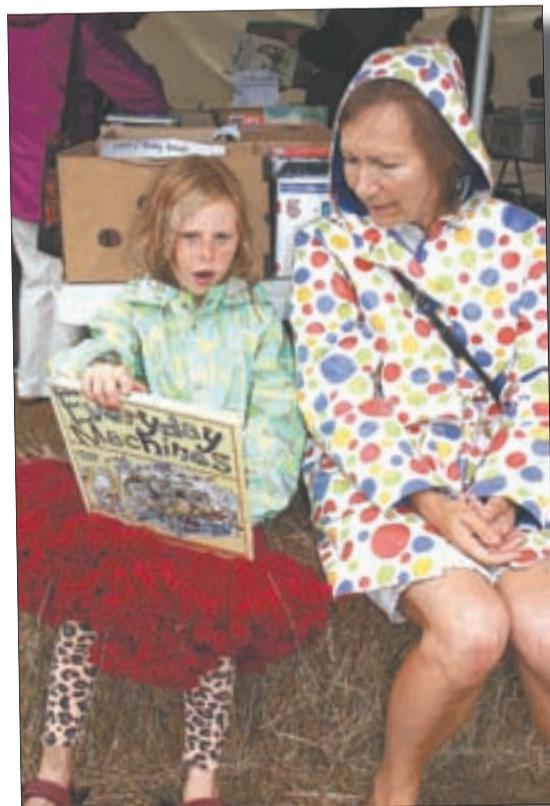
Alicia Nowakowski, Fanny Lambrechts and Marie Blondiau.



Liene and Ina from Richmond love the Sarau Festival. "We like to support the community. It's always a wonderful festival."



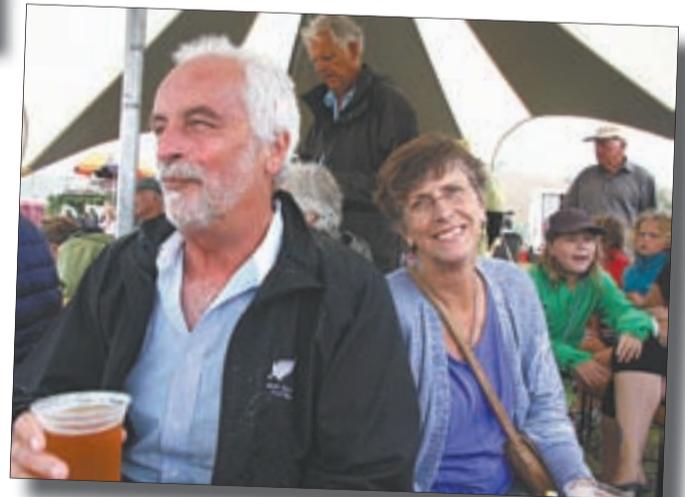
Mailson shows off his juggling skills.



Maya with her Mum's friend Saija, from Upper Moutere, share a book Maya had purchased earlier from Sarau's spectacular book stall.



Sunday's face painted warrior at Sarau's Laser Tag is Dante Stranger of Richmond.



Graeme and Jane Smith popped over from Tasman to check out the festivities in the Moutere.



Right: The rain didn't deter these delightful dancers at Sarau, Sunday.