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Tēnei te wiki o Te Reo Māori - Kia kaha Te Reo Māori!

Newsletter No 55 – a third lockdown newsletter

Kia ora koutou,

This is our third newsletter in lockdown – would be nice to think it will be the last one in difficult circumstances...

Important things you can do right now – with just a few clicks...

1. Join the global movement to get the United Nations General Assembly to begin an investigation into Israel's apartheid policies towards Palestinians



There are several very important steps we can all take. [These are listed at this link.](#)

(NOTE – the time in Aotearoa New Zealand for the Twitter storm is 5am to 7am tomorrow morning! Just join when you can!)

2. Join the global campaign to Boycott Puma

- a) The fifth **International Day of Action to Boycott Puma** is being held around the world this Saturday September 18th. Post this image from BDS Australia on your social media pages.



- b) Amputees in Gaza call for a boycott of Puma. It is a favourite tactic of the Israeli Defence Force to shoot through the Gaza border fence and create amputees from Palestinian protestors.
- i) Put this picture on your social media pages this weekend



- ii) Email a copy of the above picture to the Silver Ferns CEO Jenny Wylie info@netballnz.co.nz and ask her if she is OK with Puma supporting breaches of international law and war crimes against Palestinian protestors, many of whom are also footballers who will never play competitively again.



Silver Ferns CEO Jenny Wylie

- c) Sign the Justice for Palestine (formerly Wellington Palestine) [petition to the Silver Ferns](#) calling on them to drop their Puma sponsorship.

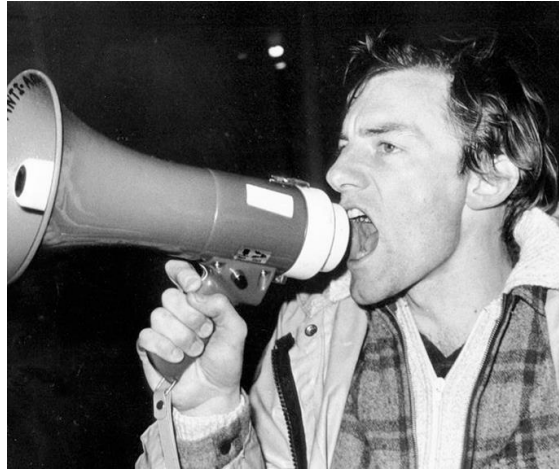
Government folds to pressure from racists



Thanks to everyone who wrote to Nanaia Mahuta two weeks ago asking her to ensure New Zealand was represented at the “Durban IV” meeting against racism in all its forms in New York on 22 September. Unfortunately, Ms Mahuta, like former National Foreign Affairs Minister Murray McCully, folded to pressure from the pro-Israel lobby who were furious being called out as a racist, apartheid at earlier Durban meetings and made false smears of anti-Semitism against the organisers.

40th anniversary tour will be rescheduled

It has been a frustrating time trying to get the remainder of the 40th anniversary tour rescheduled because it is very hard to know when we will be back to Level 1 Covid restrictions.



John Minto in 1981

At the moment we have tentatively rescheduled the Auckland meeting to **3pm Sunday 14th November 2021** (changed from 12 September) We will try to build other meetings around this date and will hopefully have more details in the next newsletter of other meetings.

Two inspiring movies for lockdown

In case you haven't had the chance to see these two superb, inspiring movies – here are the links again:

1. [Palestine Action – a year of direct action against Elbit Systems Limited](#)
2. [Gaza fights for Freedom!](#)

Introducing the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at Otago University

The **National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at Otago University** addresses the most enduring and intractable problems confronting humanity.



Professor Richard Jackson

Prof Richard Jackson heads the Centre and [his interests can be found here](#)

He wrote an excellent piece recently on the [Taliban takeover of Afghanistan](#).

He and the Centre offer supervision of graduate research on pacifism, anarchism and nonviolent politics; civilian-based nonviolent national defence; nonviolent resistance movements; unarmed peacekeeping and civilian protection; critical peace research; critical terrorism studies.

It is the Centre's aspiration to progress building a fully bicultural centre consistent with the University of Otago's Māori Strategic Framework. In this it supported by the *Aotearoa-NZ Peace and Conflict Studies Centre Trust*.

Anyone interested in the work of the Centre and studying there should check out possibilities. There are numerous scholarships available to make study viable. Details are [here](#) and [here](#).



Rula Talahma

Of particular interest to PSNA there are Palestinian scholars studying there [include Rula Talahma](#). Further academic links are [here](#) and [here](#).

Stories from the Web

1. Shifting the Western discourse on Palestine [here](#)
2. Palestinian political prisoners [here](#)
3. Noam Chomsky at 92 – what are the prospects for peace in the Middle East [here](#)
4. Ending US support for Israeli racism [here](#)
5. Sports boycotts and apartheid – from South Africa to Israel [here](#)
6. Biden welcomes Israeli PM who boasts of war crimes [here](#)
7. Israeli settlers abduct 15-year-old boy [here](#)
8. Palestinians continue protests over Nizar Banat's killing [here](#)
9. Australia – a win in the debate for intellectual freedom [here](#)
10. Tour group assaulted by Israeli onlookers [here](#)
11. Gaza child shot in neck by Israeli sniper [here](#)
12. Israel offers Palestinians their own money back as a gesture of goodwill [here](#)

Are you able to donate a cup of coffee a month to the campaign?

We will need some serious money to make our campaign as effective as possible. For example, we will need somewhere in the vicinity of \$25,000 to bring speakers to New Zealand over the next year and organise large public meetings to help spread the message.

You can help. Are you able to donate a cup of coffee a month to the campaign? In other words, **can you afford to make an automatic payment of \$5 per month to support the Palestinian struggle?** (If you can afford more that would be great!)

Our account details are:

Account name: Palestine Solidarity Network

Account number: 38-9015-0849542-00

Or Pay Pal account: admin@palestinesolidaritynz.net

We are happy to provide a receipt upon request (*however, we are not a registered charity so this is not tax-deductible*)

Merchandise for sale

We have Merchandise you can buy including T-shirts from our website.



Go here - <https://www.psna.nz/shop>

In Occupied Palestine daily newsletter – an invitation to subscribe from Leslie Bravery

Because of mainstream news media complicity, daily headlines and commentary only occasionally ever mention the relentless Israeli violence in Palestine, not even the frequent air strikes!

However, daily news and statistics regarding the violence Palestinians are forced to live under are regularly reported on in the “In Occupied Palestine daily newsletter”, sourced and compiled for easy reading and correlation chiefly from the Palestinian Monitoring Group's daily situation reports.

The “In Occupied Palestine” daily newsletter continues to be circulated, by email, worldwide to subscribers only, as it has been over the last two decades.

Contact: [Palestine Human Rights Campaign](#)

(Please note we have changed the link).

More ways you can get involved

- Forward this Newsletter – If you know people who may be interested in this movement, please forward this Newsletter to them.
- Join in local activities in your area monthly Rallies - In Auckland at 2.00 pm on the first Saturday of every month. Please consider doing the same in your community. Contact Secretary@PSNA.nz if you would like to know where and how to get Flags and Banners
- Help set up a Students for Justice in Palestine groups on your campus
- Tell Your MP your opinions on Divestment and Sanctions of Israel.
- Write Letters to Newspapers – Call Talkback Radio
- Keep in touch with the campaign on social media
 - ❖ Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa (PSNA) website: www.PSNA.nz
 - ❖ PSNA Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/671376706283605/
 - ❖ PSNA email: Secretary@PSNA.nz
- The Palestine Human Rights Campaign produces the *In Occupied Palestine* newsletter. It is a regular daily newsletter on the daily situation in Palestine, compiled by Leslie Bravery and emailed to subscribers. If you would also like to become a subscriber, please contact Leslie at “sumud1 @ outlook. com” (remove the spaces to use as an email address) for further information.
- Keep Updated on our Facebook pages and websites (listed below)

PSNA Groups

National Committee

Website	www.PSNA.nz	
Chair – John Minto	Chair@PSNA.nz	
Secretary – Neil Scott	Secretary@PSNA.nz	

Regional Groups

Bay of Islands	PSNA Bay of Islands	email
Whangarei	PSNA Whangarei	Facebook
Auckland	PSNA Auckland – Tamaki Makaurau	Website
Hamilton	Palestine Human Rights Campaign Waikato	Facebook
Tauranga	Tauranga Moana 4 Palestine	Facebook
Napier/Hastings	Aotearoa Standing with Palestine	Facebook
Palmerston North	PSNA Palmerston North	email
New Plymouth	PSNA New Plymouth	email
Whanganui	Whanganui@PSNA.nz	email
Wellington	PSNA Wellington	email
Nelson	Te Tau Ihu (Nelson) Palestine	Facebook
Christchurch	PSNA Christchurch	Facebook
Dunedin	Dunedin for Justice in Palestine	Facebook
Invercargill	PSNA Invercargill	email

Other groups supporting Palestinian Rights

- [Palestinian Community of New Zealand](#)
- [Palestinian Youth Aotearoa](#)
- [Preserved Identity \(Palestinian products\)](#)
- [Boycott Divestment and Sanctions NZ](#)
- [Kia Ora Gaza](#)
- [Letters for Palestine](#)
- [Auckland Peace Action](#)
- [Global Peace and Justice Auckland](#)
- [Auckland Uni – Students for Justice in Palestine](#)
- [Massey Uni - Students for Justice in Palestine](#)
- [Tamaki Loves Palestine](#)
- [Justice for Palestine](#)
- [Palestine Human Rights Campaign](#)