Celebrate New Zealand Music Month in your classroom:

- Students might discuss and/or present an analysis of the music of their favourite NZ artists. (Ask them to analyse the musical elements/characteristics – tone colours (what instrumentation is used) tempo, (speed) or feel, the production techniques, the structure of the song, the mood/meaning of the lyrics...)
- “Ardijah to Zed” - compile an A to Z list of NZ recorded artists.
- Sing lots of great NZ songs! All primary schools have the Kiwi Kids Songs series - #5 has ‘Nature’ in a good key, ‘Dance all around the world’ (#10) and so on... Older students may enjoy songs in “Sweet 2”. There is the MOE’s Hirini Melbourne resource and more recently, Kiwi Kids Songs #15 for heaps of Waiata. The Patea hit, “Poi E” is on Natures Best – available everywhere and universally liked ... (and in Sweet 2 for year 7s up) Kiwikids Songs 16 – are all Pasifica (KKS 16 workshops for teachers around the country – see www.menza.org.nz

- Check out www.sonicmuseum.co.nz Auckland Museum’s collaboration with NZ composers from MAY 7 (better still, pay a visit)
- Study NZ POP history...-“Nature’s Best covers the decades very well over 3 CDs (and there’s a DVD and the sheet music available for most tracks). There’s information on lots of NZ artists at www.nzmusician.co.nz (on-line archives).
- NCEA level 1 – “Rocket MAN” study see “arts on line” – a unit written for you bringing in NZ rock history.

- Take a look at: www.nzhistory.net.nz/classroom and 31 reasons to love NZ Music Month... great NZ music history. Also the www.kiwihits.co.nz/hitdisc/catalog which is great, for tracking down NZ classic pop hits.
- www.tvnzondemand.co.nz/content/ondemand_clasics for ‘Radio with Pictures’ (1982) & look out for Rocked the Nation also.
- See “Untouchable Girls”, THE TOPP-twins doco– the music, the (recent) history, the humour ...explore musical comedy- are they forerunners to The Concord??... (The “Untouchable Girls” song score is in Sweet2)

- NZ Contemporary Classical – don’t forget all the MOE “Into Music 1-4” books and CDs have heaps of examples. Listen to some well-known (living) composers like Gareth Farr and Eve de Castro-Robinson.
- “The little Black Kiwi Song Book” (Wise Publications, 2007) has more than 120 NZ songs – lyrics and chords – oldies and up to date artists like Scribe and Evermore.

- Visit your local public library – most libraries really ‘pull out the stops’ in NZMM – you and your students may be surprised by their displays and music resources.

- Auckland Schools – check out the APO and their NZ Film music concert on this month. Check out www.apo.co.nz (click education)
- Auckland – KBB are offering great workshops throughout MAY at 7pm with artists such as Lance Su’a (guitar) and Dylan Elise (Drums) – email jennifer@kbbmusic.co.nz
- Hawkes Bay Schools -NZMC rock workshops – Keynote: Jason Blume, singwriter, 14 MAY at Havelock North HS.
- Dunedin Rocks – NZMC Schools Day 5 MAY; Milon Williams (Cobra Khan), Hera, Mike Fabulous (Black Seeds) and others...
- Christchurch Schools– The Chartfest – workshops and more -29 MAY see : www.chartfest.co.nz
- Rotorua Schools – 1 MAY – workshops at Lakes High (Horomona Horo, Jimmy Xmas, Anna Coddington)
• **Secondary schools** – don’t forget to use the “Making Music” (interviews and music of 40 NZ musicians), “Give it a Whirl!” DVDs (not to mention Sweet! and Sweet 2)

• **Write some new songs** – get students to write their own! For an inspirational resource - email stephanie@nzmusic.org.nz
For e-copies of “Song writing tips from NZ Musicians”.

• Check out SOUNZ www.sounz.org.nz. This is the Centre for NZ music site... Heaps of info about NZ contemporary classical and choral music. Great website.

• **Taonga Puoro- traditional Maori instruments** – play CDs like “Te Ku Te Whe” (Richard Nunns and Hirini Melbourne) and other artists such Moana and the Tribe, Tiki Taane (‘Tangaroa’ is on You Tube) You’ll find the instruments are used in a contemporary way by many artists...

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• Students might design their own “play more NZ Music” campaign poster incorporating the ‘bulls eye’ – brainstorm the positive economic and social outcomes of promoting NZ music and discuss WHY we have a “New Zealand Music Month”. Debate “should it continue?”

• **Technology!** Music is full of opportunities to incorporate this aspect of the curriculum – designing and making instruments, recording, broadcasting, making music videos, setting up a MySpace site ... track the demise of the 78 /cassette tape to the rise of i-pods and downloading (This might also lead on to discussions and debates re. copyright issues and IP - ‘intellectual property’. (Take a look at www lovemusic co nz)

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• **Plan and make a music video** (View and discuss some of the latest ones to receive ‘NZ on Air’ funding on C4 or on www.kiwihits.co.nz)

• **Primary Schools** – expose your students to live music - invite young musicians from the neighbouring high school/intermediate to perform for your students.

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• Teachers – make sure you have signed up to music primary-net or music-net on www tki org nz so that you are getting all the latest info re. Music in schools, MOE resources and curriculum changes, PD opportunities etc. Strengthen the place of music in schools - get your school to join MENZA (Music Education NZ Aotearoa) the national music teacher association - if they haven’t already! www menza org nz

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