



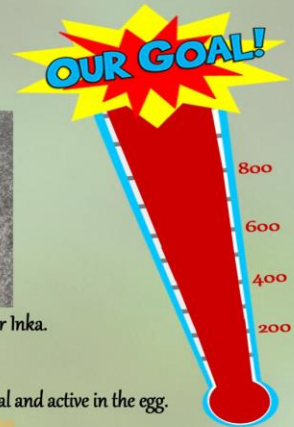
Caleb Knight's Kiwi REAL Challenge

My name is Caleb Knight, I decided for my REAL Challenge that I wanted to raise money to sponsor a Kiwi for our school. I found a place called the West Coast Wildlife Centre that runs a sponsorship program to save one of New Zealand's rarest Kiwi the Rowi.



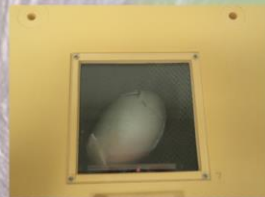
My goal was to raise \$1000 for the Kiwis by fundasing and if I completed the challenge I could name a Kiwi. As our school becomes one school again in 2016. I decided that I would like to name the Kiwi "Waitakiri" which will represent a new begining for our School and a Kiwi chick.

I set out raising the money by doing a Coin trail, Guess lollies in the jar, Sausage sizzles, Business and Parent Donations. On the 8th December 2015 I completed my challenge and raised \$1000 for the Kiwis.



23rd November 2015 - The Egg was lifted from the Okarito Kiwi Sanctuary. It was the first egg from kiwi parents. The father was called Perry and Mother Inka. The Egg weighed 372.3 GRAMS

29 December 2015 - Little Waitakiri Kiwi started hatching. The Hatching process takes 6 days. The West Coast Wildlife Centre said the kiwi was very vocal and active in the egg.



3rd January 2016 - At 8.55am Waitakiri was born weighing 288.6 grams. For the first couple of days Waitakiri was kept cozy and warm in one of the incubators at the West Coast Wildlife Centre while he learnt to crouch and shuffle. Waitakiri was still a very vocal and active chick, busy exploring the brooder and snuffling around in the soil.

Waitakiri at 7 days got intruduced to a artificial kiwi diet which is a tasty mix of minced ox heart, fruit, vegetables, currents, cat biscuits, wheat germ and a special kiwi vitamin and mineral supplements.



16th January 2016 - I got to meet Waitakiri the Kiwi and gave the West Coast Wildlife Centre our \$1000 donation. It was awesome to meet him and see where he was born plus the best part was I got to hold him.



28th January 2016 - Vaccinated and Microchipped its the day for Waitakiri to be released from the West Coast Wildlife Centre and fly to Willowbank where he will learn to adapte to the outdoor environment.



The first week of March 2016 Waitakiri will be released onto Moturara Island predator free in the Marlborough Sounds, he will stay there till November then he will return to Okarito Kiwi Sanctuary once he has adapted to life in the real world. By this time Waitakiri will be able to fend off Kiwi's main predators.

