

Council praises school's film stars

By Tayla Kershaw

BASS Coast Specialist School is still on top of the world after winning the people's choice award in the international Focus on Ability Short Film Festival recently.

To show its appreciation, the school presented a certificate to Bass Coast Shire Council at council's Community Connection session on Wednesday.

Council helped the young filmmakers' dreams become a reality by supporting and funding the project.

Drift Media's Mick Green helped the students work through the filmmaking process.

"We looked at the topic of inclusion, which can be a tricky subject to explain," he said.

Mr Green said it was fantastic to see the students getting comfortable with the filming equipment. One of the challenges was helping the students with low motor skills participate in the filming. Mr Green introduced the students to using iPads to work the cameras, which resulted in some amazing footage from a new perspective.

As well as filming, the students learned about scripting, voiceovers and animation.

The film was accepted into the Sydney Gala screening in Septem-



Amazing achievement: Bass Coast Shire Council mayor Cr Pamela Rothfield applauded Bass Coast Specialist School student Ethan and his classmates for producing an international award winning short film.

ber, which was a red carpet event. Ultimately, the film was crowned the winner of the people's choice category.

"We had pretty amazing exposure. What was most important was the support we received from the local community," Mr Green said.

"Our film had over 1200 views. It was great to acknowledge the skills the students have

and I'm pretty chuffed we have international award winning filmmakers in our community."

The film has now been screened in Auckland and New York.

It will also feature on the Aurora Pay TV Channel on Foxtel and will be part of a special program to air on SBS at 4.30pm on November 18.