## The visit of Vanuatu Women in Sports Commission.



- On Monday 20th May, the French school JMG Gustave Le Clézio was visited by some members of the « Vanuatu Women In Sports Commission »:
  - ▶ Jill, a journalist.
  - Jessica, an Australian volunteer.
  - ➤ Anoline Lulu, a professional table tennis coach.
  - ➤ Linlin, a professional beach volleyball player.
  - Chichi, a beach volleyball coach.
- The players said « family is what supports you the most », meaning without their families they woudn't be where they are today. Family can only help you, they will always encourage you.
- o Jill told us that every time the volleyball team went overseas for a tournament, they always came back with a higher level, they got better and better. The Vanuatu Women volleyball team are better then the men's, consequently more people want to watch the women's team, thus it makes it easier for the team to

be sponsored. It is an impressive fact that people will only sponsor if there is enough TV coverage.

- O In tournaments back in time when women came first in golf for example they only got 10% of what men got because all of the sponsoring money goes to men since they have more TV coverage. Now Oceania is one of the first continents that gives equal prize money, no matter the gender, which is great !!!
- o In Vanuatu the « Vanuatu Women In Sports Commission » found five athletes that went to Australia for a sports camp. Three of them are women. And all three women got qualified for tournaments whereas no men got qualified, what an achievement! Women in Australia, bring back more Olympic medals then men, how impressive!
- Finally the Vanuatu Women in Sports Association which to make women sports as valuable and as good as men's sports. Everyone enjoys sports so it would be great if there was the same amount TV coverage as men's. They will not stop until all is balanced as all things should be.