



## VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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## Bula Vinaka FNU Vuvale,

I want to begin by saying how grateful I am to all of you for the energy, commitment, and joy you continue to bring to our University. Last week was such a wonderful reflection of what we can achieve together as one FNU family.

In Savusavu, our partnership with the Pacific Community (SPC) and Monash University for the 2025 Research Symposium on Loss and Damage in Pacific Small Island Developing States was truly special. Thank you to all who worked behind the scenes and those who represented FNU so well. Your efforts ensured that our University continues to stand proudly in conversations that matter for our region and our future.

To the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, vinaka vakalevu for leading the celebrations of the 140th Anniversary of the Fiji School of Medicine. What a milestone! It was a beautiful reminder of the generations of health professionals whose journeys began here, and of the legacy we carry forward together.

To the College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies, thank you for the colourful and vibrant FSMedSA Cultural Night. It was a celebration of our diversity, talents, and traditions, and a powerful reminder that learning also comes through culture and connection.

I also want to acknowledge all our other Colleges and teams who held events last week. Each of

you, in your own way, has added to the strength and spirit of FNU, and I see and appreciate the heart you bring to your work.

Congratulations to Team FNU! After three long years, you brought the championship home at the FUSA Games, with an incredible eight gold medals. What an achievement! Your teamwork, resilience, and spirit have inspired us all.

This week, our attention turns to the Indigenous Traditional Knowledge Conference at our Bonunaqwele – Namaka Campus. To the organising team – vinaka vakalevu for the care and effort you have already put in. This conference is not just a gathering; it is a celebration of who we are as Pacific Indigenous peoples, of the wisdom carried by our communities, and of the knowledge that sustains us.

Thank you once again for everything you do. It is your hard work, your creativity, and your togetherness that makes FNU not just a university, but a true Vuvale. Let us continue to walk together with pride, purpose, and heart.

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