

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Bula vinaka to Our FNU Vuvale, It is March of 2026!

As we step into a new month, I encourage all of us to reflect on our purpose, renew our focus, and continue striving for excellence in all that we do at the Fiji National University (FNU). A new month brings fresh opportunities to grow, to improve, and to serve our students and communities with dedication.

Last week was both inspiring and productive, particularly during my visit to Labasa. We celebrated the graduation of 365 students from the NTPC Community-Based Non-Formal Education and Training programme. Among them was an inspiring 82-year-old graduate, a powerful reminder that education has no age limit. These students completed 14 different courses in an intensive 10-day programme, and we commend them for their determination and achievement.

While in Labasa, I also met with key stakeholders and landowners to strengthen our partnerships and discuss the continued development of our campuses in the North. These discussions are important as we work together to expand opportunities and ensure our facilities support long-term development and growth.

Works are progressing well at our Naiyaca Campus, and I thank the Director Estate and Facilities, Mr Apisai Nagata, and his hardworking team for the job well done.

I also thank our Heads of Campus – Mr Perry Gabriel of Natabua Campus, Mr Filimoni Raikanikoda of the FNU Bonunaqwele (Nadi) Campus, and Mr Niraj Dharmendra of Ba Campus – along with their accompanying staff, for their support at Naiyaca Campus last week. The team assisted our North team with the greening and other

improvement works which demonstrated strong teamwork and unity across our University. Vinaka vakalevu for your collective effort. We expect Team West to do another visit by the semester break.

To all our staff across every campus, thank you for your continued dedication and the good work you carry out daily. Let us continue to shape our University into a stronger, more responsive and community-focused institution.

As we approach International Women's Day this week, we also take time to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of women within our University and across our nation. We recognise the leadership, resilience, and achievements of women in academia, administration, research, and service. Let us continue to foster an environment of respect, equality, and opportunity for all.

Finally, please take note of the current weather advisory. Periods of heavy rain and possible thunderstorms are forecasted. Those living in flood-prone areas must take the necessary precautions. Staff who may have trouble accessing campus are encouraged to liaise with their Deans and Directors for alternative arrangements, and students should communicate with their Course Coordinators where required.

Let us remain safe, supportive, and focused as we move forward together.

Your safety remains our priority!

Vinaka vakalevu and best wishes for the month and week ahead.

Be Blessed.

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