

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE



30 March - 03 April 2026

Dear FNU Vuvale, It is March of 2026!

Warm greetings to you all! We have approached the end of our First Quarter in 2026!

As we step into a new week, I extend my appreciation to each of you for your continued dedication and contributions to the University. Every week presents us with new opportunities to connect, grow, and make a meaningful impact in the communities we serve, and it is encouraging to see this spirit reflected across our campuses and teams.

Last week was an engaging and productive one for the University, and I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone involved for their commitment and support. I can see all Colleges and Sections doing very well!

A team travelled to Vanua Levu where we began with the National Training & Productivity Centre's (NTPC) **Industry and Community Discussion Forum (ICDF)** discussions in Labasa and Savusavu. These sessions provided valuable opportunities to engage directly with stakeholders and members of the business community, as we shared ideas on how we can further strengthen and improve our services in both locations.

One of the highlights of the week was the graduation of more than 200 students at Nabalebale Village in Savusavu under NTPC's Community-Based Non-Formal Education and Training programme. It was truly inspiring to witness learners from diverse age groups, with the youngest being just 16 years old and the eldest an 82-year-old woman, demonstrating that education has no boundaries and that it is never too late to learn.

In Taveuni, I was joined by the Director Estates and Facilities, Mr Apisai Tuiloma, Senior Manager Secretariat, Mr Sevuloni Takele, Executive Director Foundation, Mr Kanito Lovobalavu, and the Department of Marketing and Communications team. Together, we explored potential sites for a Centre

in Taveuni with Mr Ross Brodie and Mr Ian Simpson, as we continue to expand access to education and services to our maritime communities. We also visited other sites.

This week, although shorter, is equally important as we focus on key engagements and institutional milestones.

We begin with a Ministerial Walkthrough at the Navua Aquaculture Farm with the College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (CAFF). This visit provides an opportunity to showcase our work in aquaculture, strengthen partnerships, and highlight the University's contribution to sustainable development and food security in Fiji.

The FNU Foundation will also celebrate its one-year anniversary, marking a significant milestone in its journey to support student success, research, and institutional growth.

As part of this celebration, we will officially launch the FNU Foundation Nasinu Hub at Jumping Java on 2 April. This new space represents an important step in strengthening engagement with our partners, alumni, and supporters, while creating more opportunities to advance the University's strategic priorities.

In addition, we will come together as a University community for the Easter Service on 1 April at the CBHTS Lecture Theatre. This will be a time for reflection, unity, and renewal as we acknowledge the significance of the Easter season.

As we move through this week, I encourage each of you to remain focused, supportive of one another, and committed to excellence in all that you do. Even within a shorter timeframe, there are meaningful opportunities to make an impact.

I wish all our staff, students, and the wider FNU community a productive, safe, and fulfilling week ahead.

Be Blessed!

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