

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

April 27 – May 1



Bula vinaka to the FNU Vuvale,

I hope you all had a good weekend and are ready for the week ahead. Let me start by saying thank you. Last week was a busy one, and I know many of you gave your time and energy to make things work. To our staff and students—vinaka vakalevu for the effort, the patience, and the teamwork.

I also want to thank Pro-Vice-Chancellor Corporate Services, Professor Nii-K Plange, for ably keeping the University running smoothly during my leave. I appreciate the leadership, and I thank all of you who continued to support the University during that time.

It was quite an interesting week for Fiji National University.

We proudly stepped into a greater regional role, with FNU now leading the Pacific Women's Leadership and Climate Change Resilience Training Programme, following the successful training supported by the Asian Development Bank. This is a good step for us as a university, and for the region, as we continue to build leadership that understands both people and the realities of climate change.

We also had the 6th Fiji OHS Conference in Nadi, organised by our National Training and Productivity Centre. It was encouraging to see strong participation and honest conversations around workplace

wellbeing. These are important discussions that we need to keep having. At Natabua Campus, it was nice to see our education students actively engaged. They had the chance to hear from the CEO of the Fiji Teachers Registration Authority, Ms Sangeeta Singh, and also showcase their own creativity through teaching aids made from simple, recycled materials.

We also welcomed Professor Cheryl Brown from the University of Canterbury, who spent time with our students. These interactions make a real difference. As we come to the end of this month, we also look ahead and welcome May—another chance for us to refocus and finish the semester strong.

This week is an important one, I encourage all our students to stay focused as you prepare for your assessments and final exams. This is your time to consolidate your efforts and finish this semester strong.

We are also getting ready for graduation from 11–13 May, where we will celebrate more than 2,000 students. There is a lot happening behind the scenes, so thank you in advance to all the teams involved. Let's keep supporting each other and keep things moving.

Have a good week ahead.

Be Blessed!

Vinaka vakalevu.

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