



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Bula vinaka FNU Vuvale,

I hope you are well and ready for another important week at our University.

This week, we are delighted to host the Pacific Islands Health Research Symposium 2026 at our Nasinu Campus. The programme will be honoured by the presence of the Deputy Prime Minister, the Honourable Manoa Kamikamica, and will bring together more than 350 delegates to strengthen collaboration and research on the health priorities of our Pacific region.

The University has also reached the midpoint of the semester, and our students will now begin their one-week mid-semester break.

To our students, I encourage you to use this time to rest, recharge and prepare for the remainder of the semester. Be proud of the progress you have made, but remain focused on the work still ahead. Please take good care of yourselves, make responsible choices and remain safe throughout the break. We look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready to continue the semester.

I also acknowledge our academic and support staff for your dedication throughout the first half of the semester.

I encourage you to use the quieter period to pause, reflect and prepare for the weeks ahead. Where responsibilities permit, take time to rest and reconnect with your families. Let us return renewed and ready to welcome our students back after the break, and to support them as they work towards completing the semester successfully.

As we begin this new week, we also reflect on several achievements from the past week.

Last Friday, 28 Sausauvou participants undertaking the Diploma in Vanua Leadership completed the LEAD TEAMS Course at our Nasinu Campus. We congratulate them on this important step in their leadership journey.

We also hosted the 7th National Conference on Information Technology 2026 at Shangri-La Fiji. The conference brought together policymakers, researchers and industry leaders to consider how technology can contribute to a more secure, trusted and inclusive Digital Pacific.

I am particularly proud of the contribution made by our National Training and Productivity Centre to UNESCO's first practical guide on integrating Artificial Intelligence into Technical and Vocational Education and Training. NTPC is the first TVET institution in the Pacific to contribute to this important global resource.

This achievement affirms that Pacific knowledge and experience have an important place in global discussions on education, skills development and emerging technologies. It also reflects our responsibility to prepare our students and workforce for a rapidly changing world.

We also celebrated the successful completion of our inaugural Vernacular Week at Natabua Campus. This initiative provided an opportunity for our University community to celebrate our languages, cultures and heritage while reinforcing the importance of protecting and passing on the knowledge that gives our communities their identity.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for the University's first Literature Teaching Workshop, hosted by the School of Communication, Language and Literature within the College of Humanities, Education and Law. This will provide another valuable opportunity to strengthen the teaching of language and literature.

These activities show the breadth of FNU's contribution to Fiji and the Pacific. Whether through leadership, technology, culture, health research or education, our work must continue to respond to the needs of our people and contribute meaningfully to national and regional development.

I thank our staff, students, researchers and partners for your continued commitment to the University. Each achievement reflects our collective effort and commitment.

Let us begin this week with renewed energy, purpose and confidence.

Vinaka vakalevu. Be Blessed!

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