

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Greetings to the FNU Vuvale

This week marks a truly significant milestone for the Fiji National University as we gather in Labasa to witness the groundbreaking of our new campus and the unveiling of its new name. It is a moment many have waited years to see, and one that represents hope, partnership and our commitment to the future of Vualiku.

What we celebrate this week is much more than a new building. We celebrate the vision that education should be accessible to every young person, regardless of where they come from. We celebrate the generosity of the Vanua, the strength of our partnerships, and the belief that investing in education is investing in the future of our people.

This week also marks another important milestone as we launch the Vualiku Literacy and Numeracy Centre and officially open our Foundation Hub. Together, these initiatives strengthen our commitment to ensuring that learners are supported at every stage of their educational journey, from building strong foundations in literacy and numeracy to preparing students for success at university.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked tirelessly to make this historic week possible.

To our colleagues in the Division of Estates and Facilities, the project team, our dedicated staff at the Labasa Campus, and every individual who has contributed behind the scenes over the past several months, thank you. Your long hours, commitment, resilience and teamwork have brought us to this moment. While many will see the events of this week, few will know the countless hours of planning and preparation that have gone into making them a reality. I see your efforts, and I thank you.

I also acknowledge our traditional leaders, community partners and stakeholders whose continued support reminds us that the University does not grow alone. We grow because we walk together with our communities, respecting our shared history while building for the future.

As we gather this week, let us celebrate not only what we are beginning, but what this beginning makes possible. The turning of the soil symbolises new opportunities for generations of students who will one day walk through these grounds, learn, discover and lead.

I look forward to sharing this historic occasion with all of you.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Vinaka vakalevu.

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