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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Bula vinaka FNU Vuvale,

I warmly welcome you all to September, the final month of the third quarter of 2026.

We welcome our students back following the mid-semester break. I hope you had the opportunity to rest, reconnect with your families and return refreshed and ready for the remainder of the semester. It is wonderful to see our campuses coming alive again.

This is another busy week for the University.

We recently hosted the Pacific Islands Health Research Symposium 2026 at our Nasinu Campus, bringing together researchers, health professionals, policymakers, academics and students to discuss some of the most pressing health issues affecting our Pacific communities. I sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the success of the symposium.

We also strengthened our partnerships through the signing of three important Memoranda of Understanding.

Our agreement with the Australian Maritime College will support the further development of the Pacific Centre for Maritime Studies and help strengthen the delivery of maritime education and training in Fiji.

We also signed an agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways to strengthen cooperation in research, education, science, technology and knowledge sharing. This partnership will create further opportunities for our academics, researchers and students to contribute to Fiji's agricultural priorities.

Our five-year agreement with the Ministry of Fisheries and Forestry will support the proposed development of a Blue Hub and strengthen collaboration in fisheries training, research, industrial attachments and workforce development.

Our students and staff also participated in a Korean Cuisine Workshop at Nasese Campus, while the Literature Teaching Workshop at Natabua Campus provided an opportunity for academics and students to exchange ideas on making the teaching of literature more engaging for learners.

As we enter the final month of Quarter Three, I kindly remind all Colleges, divisions, departments and centres to begin compiling and finalising their Q3 reports for submission to the Department of Strategic Planning and Business Development. Timely reporting is important as it enables us to assess our progress, identify areas requiring further attention and ensure that our work remains aligned with the University's strategic priorities.

I also encourage everyone to continue looking after your health and wellbeing. Please take the necessary precautions, support one another and seek medical attention if you are feeling unwell.

To our students, welcome back. Remain focused, make the most of every learning opportunity and seek support whenever you need it. To our academic and support staff, thank you for your continued commitment as we work together to support our students through the remainder of the semester.

Let us approach this new month with renewed energy and continue to take pride in all that we are achieving together as one FNU Vuvale.

Vinaka vakalevu.

God bless you all!

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