FIJI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Bula vinaka FNU Vuvale,

As we begin the final week of classes for this semester, I wish to acknowledge all our academic and support staff for their hard work, dedication and service to our students throughout the semester.

It has been a busy and demanding period for our University, and I recognise the tremendous effort that has gone into teaching, student support, administration and the many activities that keep our campuses running. To every member of our FNU Vuvale, vinaka vakalevu for your contribution.

To our students, this is a particularly important time in your academic journey. With the study break beginning next week and final examinations approaching, I encourage you to remain focused, use your time wisely and prepare thoroughly. You have worked hard throughout the semester, and these final weeks are an opportunity to demonstrate what you have learnt.

For many of you, there is also growing excitement as graduation approaches in just two months. The prospect of walking across the stage to receive your qualification is something to look forward to with pride. However, there is still important work ahead. Give your examinations your very best, remain disciplined in your preparations and finish the semester well.

I also ask our academic and support staff to continue providing the necessary guidance and assistance to students during this critical examination period.

Meanwhile, another busy week of University activities, meetings and partnerships lies ahead.

This week, our Nasinu Campus will host the FNU Market Day, bringing together staff, students and local businesses. Proceeds from the event will support the charitable work of the FNU Foundation and its initiatives to assist our students.

At our Bonunaqwele Campus in Nadi, 55 students from the College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies are putting their culinary skills to the test at the Fiji Chefs Competition. I wish them well as they demonstrate their creativity, confidence and the practical skills developed through their training.

Last week, we also strengthened our institutional partnerships through the signing of two important Memoranda of Understanding.

Our agreement with the Ministry of Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics will provide annual industrial attachment opportunities for six third-year Economics students and students in related fields. These three-month placements will give our students valuable workplace experience, including exposure to the Fiji Bureau of Statistics.

We also signed an agreement with Pacific Specialist Healthcare at our Bonunaqwele Campus, opening further opportunities for collaboration in healthcare education, clinical training and research.

As we continue with our meetings, programmes and partnerships, I want to remind our FNU Vuvale that we are building this University together. Every lecturer who prepares students for their examinations, every staff member who supports our operations, and every team working to advance our programmes and partnerships has an important part in the future of FNU.

As the national university, we carry an important responsibility to our students, their families and the people of Fiji. I thank you all for the work you continue to do in fulfilling that responsibility.

To our students, particularly those preparing to graduate in December and those preparing for your examinations, I wish you every success. Stay focused, take care of yourselves and continue working towards that important milestone.

Vinaka vakalevu, and may we all have a productive and successful week ahead.

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