FIJI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Bula Vinaka FNU Vuvale!

I hope you and your families are keeping well as we begin the first week of November.

Today, our students begin their examinations, and I wish to extend my very best wishes to each of you.

You have spent the semester attending classes, completing assignments, undertaking practical work and preparing for your examinations. I know that for many of you, it has not been an easy journey. Some have had to balance their studies with work and family responsibilities, while others have faced challenges of their own.

I encourage you to remain focused, prepare well and have confidence in what you have learnt. Manage your time wisely, get enough rest and look after your health. Remember the sacrifices you and your families have made to get you this far. You have worked hard throughout the semester, and I want you to finish well.

To our lecturers, examination supervisors and support staff, thank you for preparing our students for this important period. I ask that we continue to support them and ensure that examinations are conducted smoothly and fairly across our campuses.

This week, FNU is also hosting a 10-day short course on **Integrated Technical Training in Cold Chain Equipment Management and Health Facility Solar Electrification** at Derrick Campus, with participants from across the Pacific Islands.

This training is particularly important for our region, where many rural and maritime communities continue to face difficulties accessing reliable healthcare services. The skills gained will help participants maintain vaccine storage equipment and solar-powered systems in health facilities. I thank the team responsible for organising this training and welcome our participants from across the Pacific.

Tomorrow, **3 November, One Health Day will be marked at the Holiday Inn.** This is an important occasion to discuss matters affecting human, animal and environmental health.

For us in the Pacific, these issues are closely connected to the lives of our people. I hope the discussions will be useful and that those attending will take away ideas that can be applied in their respective areas of work.

Last week, we celebrated the successful completion of studies by **17 Manaaki Scholars from across the Pacific** at a ceremony held at Nasinu Campus.

I congratulate each of our scholars on this achievement. You have come a long way from your homes and families to pursue your studies here in Fiji. I hope that what you have learnt at FNU will serve you well when you return to your respective countries. Take your knowledge home, use it wisely and serve your communities well. We wish you every success.

I also acknowledge our National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC) for signing a Memorandum of Agreement with Pivot Point Fiji Institute and FIT College Australia.

The agreement will provide opportunities for internationally recognised qualifications in fitness, training, assessment and wellness. We need to continue offering programmes that meet the needs of our industries and provide our people with opportunities to gain recognised qualifications. I thank those who worked on this agreement.

Our University also participated in the **Siga Kei Tailevu (Tailevu Day)** celebrations at the Nausori Primary School Grounds.

I am pleased that our teams were able to meet with members of the community and share information about the programmes available at FNU. Many of our young people and their families may not be fully aware of the opportunities offered through our academic and TVET programmes.

We must continue to take this information to our communities, particularly those who may not have easy access to our campuses.

Last week, our staff and students also came together to celebrate Diwali across our campuses. It was pleasing to see everyone enjoying the activities and competitions organised for the occasion.

To our Hindu staff, students and their families, I hope you had a wonderful Diwali celebration. May the blessings of the occasion remain with you and your loved ones.

We are now in the final months of the academic year. I know that many of you are looking forward to completing your studies and returning home to your families. For those who will be graduating, this is another important step towards that day.

But for now, concentrate on your examinations. Do not allow distractions to take away from the work you have put in throughout the year. Make good use of your study time, ask for assistance when you need it and take care of yourselves.

To our staff, I ask that we continue to be available to our students and assist them wherever we can. A little encouragement and understanding during this period can mean a great deal to a student.

To all our students, I wish you the very best in your examinations. Stay focused, work hard and finish the year well. We look forward to celebrating your success.

Vinaka vakalevu, and I wish you all a good week ahead.

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