Dear All,

As we step into a new week, I want to take a moment to reflect on the significant events of the past week and acknowledge the tremendous efforts put forth by our FNU community.

Firstly, we were deeply honoured to host the Honourable Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka for his first official visit to our Nasinu Campus. His presence and words of encouragement underscore the importance of our role in shaping the future of Fiji. It was a proud moment for all of us, and I hope it serves as a reminder of the impact we can make together.

Last week also saw the exciting launch of our very own podcast channel, FNUPulse. This platform will allow us to share stories, ideas, and insights from across the university and beyond. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Ms Ana Rokomokoti for being our inaugural guest. Her discussion on Team FNU's journey at the inter-tertiary moot competition was both inspiring and a testament to the dedication of our students and staff.

In other significant news, I am delighted to announce that FNU has been awarded an EU-funded grant under the RERIPA Call 4 Project. This 15-month initiative will focus on enhancing Pacific education and advancing research, particularly in the critical area of climate change. This achievement is a testament to the hard work and visionary

thinking of our staff, and it positions us as leaders in addressing some of the most pressing challenges of our time.

Furthermore, congratulations are in order for the College of Humanities and Education, particularly the School of Education team, for successfully launching the Lab Manual for all Education Science students. This resource will undoubtedly enrich the learning experience for our pre-service teachers, enabling them to gain hands-on experience in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. The collaboration with our College of Engineering & Technical and Vocational Education and Training (CETVET) is a perfect example of the interdisciplinary approach we value at FNU.

As we move forward into this new week, I encourage each of you to carry the momentum of these achievements with you. Let's continue to support one another, strive for excellence, and take pride in being part of a community that is making meaningful contributions to education, research, and society.

Wishing you all a productive and fulfilling week ahead.

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Vinaka vakalevu and best wishes,

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