

## Teachers encouraged to inspire future leaders - Prof Nabobo-Baba



Staff and students celebrating the World Teachers Day at FNU Natabua Campus

**Y**oung teachers should aspire to inspire and strive towards making a positive impact in the lives of students through education.

These were the comments of Fiji National University's (FNU) Professor in Education, Professor Unaisi Nabobo-Baba during the joint World Teachers Day and Fiji Day Celebrations held at Natabua Campus, Lautoka yesterday.

Speaking to staff and students, most of whom are trainee teachers, the senior academic said teachers have the opportunity to empower and mould future leaders.

"Teachers play an integral role in inspiring students and those teachers who can inspire students will be long remembered," said Prof Nabobo-Baba.

"As teachers, you can inspire students who can accomplish amazing things. You have this important gift, so I urge you to use it to inspire our future leaders," she said.

Professor Baba encouraged young teachers to continuously upskill themselves as they are the future of the teaching profession.

She told young trainee teachers to be proud of pursuing their education at Fiji National University (FNU) which has a strong legacy of producing excellent graduates who have had outstanding careers.

"This is a day to celebrate the unique role of teachers where we also acknowledge and enhance teachers in all dimensions of their profession," she said.

Staff and students braved the gloomy weather conditions to celebrate Fiji Day – The 49 anniversary of the nation's independence with a flag-raising ceremony and singing of the national anthem in three languages.

During the celebration, Dr Vasemaca Alifereti Head of School, Language & Literature encouraged staff and students to reflect on the progress of the nation and continue on this legacy.

"Let us celebrate this day with our staff and students and bring the spirit of togetherness," she said.

The theme for Fiji Day this year is "A sustainable and progressive Fiji for all".



Staff and students at the World Teachers and Fiji Day celebration at FNU Natabua Campus, Lautoka