

# Principal's Message

**O**ur Fingerprint Tree, as we call it, frames one of our walls in our Staff Lounge.

If you look closely, the leaves on the trees are made out of imprints of fingerprints. This was a piece of work conceptualised by our Parent Support Group (PSG) for Teachers' Day 2022. My colleagues comprising our teachers and executive support staff imprinted our fingerprints to form a beautiful canopy of leaves that represents the ACS(I) family. The message is clear - that it takes all of us to provide shelter and care for our students, and that like a tree, we must remain sturdy and continue to grow. It also reminds me that we all need one another in our pursuit to do better. Just like one single leaf is unlikely to generate enough food to keep this large tree nourished, it takes every hand (or finger) on deck to see our school through.

Our Fingerprint Tree brings to mind our theme verse for 2022. Taken from 1 Thessalonians 5:11, it asks us to encourage and build one another up. On Honours Day 30 August, we are reminded to live up to these words, beyond the new bar that we have set for ourselves in the National School Games season, or the times when we know we could have done better.

With COVID-19 measures now completely done away with and life resuming to normalcy, we witnessed first-hand the ACS(I) PSG coming out in full force to make the 2022 Teachers' Day celebrations one of the best in recent times. This took much of their time, coordination and effort, as they saw the need to encourage our teachers and executive support staff. From the decorations to the

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plans that they have conceptualised and implemented, we see how our PSG and the ACS(I) parents too are doing their utmost at building this school that we call our second home.

And it is the encouragement, affirmation, and growth moments such as these that give all of us the extra boost to run our race well.

It helps us to stay united in purpose, and steadfast to the cause for ACS.

It reminds us that it is the people like our PSG and ACS(I) parents, our alumni, and mission-driven stakeholders, who will spur us on to flourish like Our Fingerprint Tree, and bear testimony that is in line with God's purposes and plans for ACS (Independent).

