



## Principal's Message:



### God carries us, and why it matters.

As my family is now doing a lot more voluntary babysitting, conversations at the dinner table sometimes are about baby matters.

One recent conversation was about the number of new contraptions now available to parents and care-givers to help carry a child. While in the past, care-givers may use a simple sarong slung over their shoulders, nowadays there are many new and ingenious child-carriers with different straps and paddings for one's shoulders and back. Whatever the form the child-carrier may be, some things remain the same - carrying a child close to oneself makes the child feel safe, comfortable and loved.

Perhaps, for these very reasons, the Bible repeatedly portrays God as a child-carrier. In a comforting and moving verse in Isaiah 46:4, God tells his people:

*Even to your old age and gray hairs  
I am he, I am he who will sustain you.  
I have made you and **I will carry you**;  
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.*

It is remarkable how this verse reassures us that God never relinquishes his role as our Father – from our days of youthful energy till our senior years with gray hair, we remain His children and He promises to carry us close to Himself through life's promises and its turbulence too.

Knowing this, what is our response to God? Remember the acronym **ACS**.

First, as God carries us through our lives, we should have the **Assurance** of His love – always. Romans 8:39 tells us that absolutely nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. We need to live our lives assured of God's love for us – and reflecting that confidence in our love and care for others

Second, as God carries us through our lives, we should have the **Courage** to face the world with its potential and its perils too. We must live our lives knowing that when God carries us, He has our back and we can step out in faith to realise God's plans for us and

those around us. In Joshua 1:9, God reminds His people – “Have I not commanded you – Be strong and courageous.”

Third, as God carries us through our lives, we should have **Security** in times of turbulence and uncertainty. We cannot live our lives in perpetual fear, seeing a storm in every situation and feeling paralysed to act to bring about God's will in the different situations we find ourselves in. Instead, we should remember in whose safe hands we are being carried, trusting the LORD to give us peace. As promised in Isaiah 26:3, God will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.

The ACS family of schools can only be as strong and sturdy as the people who form our school families and our larger community. When more of us - students, parents, teachers, support staff and alumni - live our lives confident in the knowledge that God is a child-carrier who carries us securely so that we can live fully and contribute much more to others – we will be poised for even greater things.

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