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Dear Readers

Welcome to the second issue for 2008. For some forty years now the second issue of *Parabola* has celebrated the accomplishments of outstanding young mathematicians for their success in the UNSW School Mathematics Competition. This year we were privileged to have five of the six team members from the Australian Mathematical Olympiad Team enter the competition. These students demonstrated exceptional mathematical ability and featured among our top prizewinners. It was also pleasing to see similar levels of performance from some other students and approximately twenty percent of the five hundred and ninety-five students who sat were recognized with certificates and prizes. The list of all students who received awards and the competition problems and solutions are in this issue.

Included in the articles in this issue is a compelling article by Lara Scharenguivel and Bin Deng which describes how mathematicians are analyzing large data bank records of deaths, following human rights violations, in attempts to help in the prosecution of those responsible. I recommend the website <http://shr.aaas.org/> for those interested in learning more about how science and mathematics are providing vital tools in defence of human rights.

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