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CHRISTMAS HEARTBREAK

A family has been left devastated ahead of Christmas after great-grandmother of 17, Betty McArthur, became a hit-run victim
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SORELY MISSED: Port Pirie hit-run victim Betty McArthur with her granddaughter Tara Bernard on her wedding day.

Schools face wave of legal action as policies failing to stop scourge

COURT OUT IF YOU'RE A BULLY

**KEN MCGREGOR
COURT REPORTER**

SOUTH Australian schools should brace for a "wave" of lawsuits amid a string of failing anti-bullying policies, lawyers have warned.

The warning comes as an autistic student, who claimed he was burnt and assaulted by his classmates during his schooling, launches a lawsuit against Southern Vales Christian College.

In documents lodged with

the District Court, an Aldinga Beach man, now 25, says on one occasion a student had repeatedly thrown a ball at him – breaking his index finger.

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Foreign aid to be cut by \$3.7b

AUSTRALIA will cut its foreign aid spending by \$3.7 billion over four years in a concerted bid to shore up the Federal Budget.

Treasurer Joe Hockey will release the Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook today and he warns deficits

will be bigger and will last beyond 2018.

Mr Hockey said the aid cuts were necessary to offset falling export prices and new spending, including on national security to "keep Australians safe".

He also blamed the Oppo-

sition for locking "irresponsible promises" into the Budget. The economic statement forecasts growth rising from 2.5 to 3 per cent.

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